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Partial payless payday—again

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Government employees in non-critical service positions will not receive their paychecks on time this Friday, marking this the third partial payless payday in CNMI history since June.

The earliest they could receive their paychecks will be on Sept. 29.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in an interview yesterday, said the central government was able to collect only about $1 million and this will cover the payroll of those in "critical service" positions—doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters, corrections officers and emergency response personnel.

"Right now, it doesn't look like we'll have payroll for non-

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Agencies to employees: Prepare for govt shutdown

Budget committee mum on progress of meetings

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John C. Santos, a welder at the Department of Public Works, said life will be very difficult for him and his family if the government shuts down and he is forced to wait for his paycheck until the Legislature passes a balanced budget for fiscal year 2011.

Santos was among the government employees of DPW, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and other agencies who were notified that in case of a shutdown, he and many others won't get paid from Oct. 1 and 8, or at least until a new budget is passed.

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NEW PRODUCT

Jonathan Perez, director of commercial business at Isla Petroleum & Energy Holding Co. LLC, looks on during the launching of IP&E's ultra low sulfur diesel at the Port of Saipan in Lower Base yesterday afternoon. IP&E, which acquired the retail assets of Shell, says their new product has 99.7-percent less sulfur content than the current .5-percent sulfur diesel fuel. ***See story on Page 13.***

Live-fire training ranges on Tinian to proceed as planned

Bice to present Record of Decision to Fitial today

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The proposed live-fire training ranges on Tinian will proceed as planned but details about this undertaking is expected to be known today when Joint Guam Program Office executive director Maj. Gen. David Bice meets with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Bice will present Fitial with a copy of the Record of Decision for the Guam and CNMI military buildup's final environmental impact statement, which Assistant Secretary of the Navy Jackalyne Pfannensteil signed yesterday.

The Record of Decision's re-

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Bice

Local

NMI visitor arrivals post 3-percent gain in August

August 2010 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were up 3 percent compared to August 2009, marking the fourth consecutive month of gains for the visitor industry.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 38,047 visitors last month compared to 37,702 in August 2009.

The NMI's primary market of Japan registered another month of growth in visitor arrivals in August—a 4-percent increase to 20,117 visitors. The increase is largely attributed to charter flights added in August by Asiana Airlines from Narita, by Continental Airlines from Hiroshima, and due to the Kinki Nippon Tourist charter flight services to Rota in August. As Japan was extremely hot this summer, Japanese were also seeking to escape the incredible August summer heat in Japan in favor of a resort holiday in the NMI.

The Northern Marianas, however, is bracing for the anticipated drop in visitors arrivals from its primary market of Japan from October to mid-December, when airlines have announced the cancellation of flights from Osaka and Nagoya due to low season travel demand.

"We have discussed with the administration and Legislature additional funding for travel agent incentives to help keep the crucial flights from Osaka and Nagoya operating year round," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "We continue to hope that funding can be committed. In the meantime, we must all brace ourselves for the very difficult 'death valley' period until the year-end holiday season."

Japan visitors comprise over half of all visitor arrivals to the Northern Marianas.

Arrivals from the primary market of Korea posted a 2-percent rise in August 2010 over the previous August, registering 10,786 visitors. Korea has posted monthly double-digit increases for most of the past year, and three extra flights from Busan early in August brought over 400 additional Korean visitors to the islands. However, in mid-August, daily daytime flights from Seoul reverted to only four times weekly, resulting in a drop of 8 percent in air seats for the month, overall.

The secondary market of China saw 4,343 arrivals in August, a 12-percent increase over the same month last year. Arrivals were augmented by twice-a-week charter flights from Beijing and Shanghai. Overall, the China market has demonstrated the strongest growth in terms of arrivals this fiscal year at 54 percent growth, or 13,499 more visitors than the same period the previous fiscal year.

Meanwhile, arrivals from the United States increased 35 percent to 837. All other markets were down, including the secondary market of Russia, down 33 percent to 383. *(MVA)*

Tropical storm condition 1 for Agrihan

Malakas moves away slowly from Marianas

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A tropical disturbance near Agrihan intensified and was upgraded into a tropical storm yesterday, prompting Gov. Benigo R. Fitial to declare tropical storm condition 1 for the island yesterday.

The Emergency Management Office urged residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to take extra precautionary measures when driving on highways due to heavy rain showers and possible flooding in low-lying areas.

Citing the anticipated threat of Tropical Storm Malakas, Fitial declared Tropical Storm Condition 1 for Agrihan beginning at 8:30am yestrday. As of 5:30pm, Condition 1 was still up on Agrihan.

Packing maximum sustained winds of 40 miles per hour, with force winds extending up to 70 miles from the center, Malakas began slowly moving away from the Marianas as of 1pm.

The center came closest to Agrihan at 11am when it was 25 miles northwest of Agrihan, 235 miles north-northwest of Saipan, and 355 miles north of Guam.

As of 5pm, the EMO and the National Weather Service said the center of Malakas was 70 miles west-southwest of Agrihan, 240 miles north-northwest of Saipan, and 345 miles north of Guam. At that time, maximum sustained winds were at 40 miles per hour and its force winds extended up to 65 miles from the center.

NWS said torrential rainfall of 2 to 4 inches is likely this morning, resulting in flooding in poor drainage areas.

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Police hunt down 2nd suspect in Micro Beach shooting

Police are hunting down a second suspect in the shooting incident that happened before dawn Saturday at Micro Beach in Garapan.

Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said an arrest warrant has been issued for Alex Palacios Borja Jr. for illegal possession of a firearm.

Blas said detectives believe that Borja is in possession of the rifle that the first suspect, Andave Camacho, used to shoot into the air.

"DPS is asking the community for assistance in locating Borja who at this time is still at large," Blas said.

Police arrested Camacho less than an hour after he allegedly fired a rifle into the air several times at the Micro Beach pavilion.

After firing the gun, the drunk Camacho allegedly pointed the gun at a crowd in the beach.

Detective Sean White said that Camacho claimed he only popped a firecracker and waved his hand around as if he was holding a pistol.

White said he and another detective, however, later recovered four .223 caliber shell casings at the crime scene. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

US Attorney General will help monitor Nov. election

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The U.S. Attorney General has assured the Commonwealth Election Commission that it will be on island to help the commission on Nov. 2 when people go to the polls to vote for the CNMI's next delegate to the U.S. Congress.

Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero disclosed this yesterday after receiving confirmation of the federal agency's participation.

Guerrero said that because this year's election is considered federally-related, the board decided to seek the U.S. Attorney General's assistance in monitoring the election.

"The U.S. Attorney General already assured us of their assistance. Although their representatives will not be on the actual polling sites, they said they will be here on island on Election Day, ready to provide us help," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune.*

As of yesterday, information on who the U.S. Attorney General would send to the Commonwealth was not available.

The election board earlier ruled that no representatives of the CNMI Attorney General's Office would be present at polling stations to help monitor the activity.

Only staffers from the Office of the Public Auditor are expected to be in polling stations, according to Guerrero.

Although not mandated by law, it was the commission that initiated the request for assistance, Guerrero said. He stressed, however, that the commission would retain the sole authority to conduct the election.

He emphasized that the OPA, CNMI Attorney General, and U.S. Attorney General all have limited roles in the election, and that is merely to "monitor and observe."

Guerrero also disclosed that the commission had already mailed out 329 absentee ballots to off-island voters since Thursday, and anticipates additional requests before the Oct. 8 deadline.

The commission is set to print 18,000 ballots to cover regular and absentee voters. Guerrero said the remaining ballots are expected to be printed two weeks before Election Day.

The Election Commission also updated its registration record, noting two additional voters on the list, from 16,601 last week to 16,603 this week.

CPA vows not to hike airport, seaport fees

Existing rates for both airports and seaports are expected to be kept as is until next fiscal year, with the Commonwealth Ports Authority saying it will not implement any rate hikes despite the low revenue projections.

In its 2009 audit report, the agency said that overall revenues are projected to reach the same amount as that of 2009.

"Management will be forced to continue to closely monitor the airport and seaport operating expenses in order to keep them at a level to comply with their respective bond indentures," said CPA.

CPA last increased its fees in 2009. That move is credited for saving the agency from an operational shortfall and bond indenture troubles.

"Due to these rate increases, management does not believe additional increases can be absorbed, especially with the economic recession trends. Strict controls over operating expenses is the most practical approach toward achieving bond compliance," said CPA.

In fiscal year 2009, CPA earned $17.4 million from the following: aviation fees, $6.5 million; concession and lease income, $4.6 million; seaport fees, $4.4 million; and other revenues, $1.8 million.

CPA generated enough income to meet its bond indenture requirements. This fiscal year's revenue and expenses are being monitored on a quarterly basis so that steps can be taken to ensure compliance with the bond indenture agreement.

CPA currently has in place reduced employee benefits and work hours in order to achieve and maintain compliance. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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Noni specialist to visit NMC and host workshop

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service program, in collaboration with University of Guam food scientist Dr. Jian Yang, will be hosting a workshop on processing and storing noni juice for home use.

Yang will visit the island of Saipan on Sept. 29-30, 2010, to learn more about the NMC-CREES Food Science program, and to teach the "Making Noni at Home" workshop.

The workshop, which requires no registration or participation fee, will be held on Sept. 29, 2010, from 1pm to 5pm in Room D-1 at the NMC As Terlaje campus.

During the visit to the NMC, food scientist Dr. Jang Ho Kim plans to meet with Yang to discuss the possible development of a viable noni industry in the CNMI.

The noni plant is a small evergreen tree that produces a fruit prized for its medicinal properties. The noni fruit has been used to improve and enhance health for thousands of years by people in various parts of Southeast Asia and Polynesia.

"The NMC-CREES' Food Science program has already been helping local farmers and producers with noni value-added processing," said Kim. "With the workshop, we hope that more people in the community will become interested in producing and processing noni juice."

"In addition to juice, the noni fruit has been used to make other products, such as wine and tea," added Kim.

To register for the workshop, contact Dr. Jang Ho Kim at the NMC-CREES Food Science program at 234-5498 ext. 1715 or email jangk@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Saipan Southern High PTA meeting today

To all parents/ legal guardian of Saipan Southern High School, there will be a PTA meeting today, Sept. 22, 2010, from 6pm to 7pm, in the Manta café. ***(PR)***

Hopwood sets Open House Night

The Hopwood Junior High School will be hosting an Open House Night on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, from 5:30pm to 7:45pm. All parents and guardians are invited to visit with their students' teacher, tour the high school, and receive important information about the 2010-2011 school year. For questions or additional information, call 237-3840. ***(PR)***

Attention to all FSM citizens in NMI

This is to inform all citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia residing in the Northern Mariana Islands that there is a task force committee coming from Palikir to conduct political education on the proposed amendments to the FSM constitution.

The schedule of meeting are as follows:

- Sunday (Sept. 26, 2010), at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan, from 5pm to 7pm for the Chuukese community, as requested.
- Monday (Sept. 27, 2010), at the Multi-Purpose Building in Susupe, from 5pm to 7pm.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings so you may be ready to vote and express your opinions on the proposals before the upcoming national general election in March 2011. ***(PR)***

ABE extends placement testing

NMC's Adult Basic Education Extended Placement Testing for General Educational Development, Adult School, and English as a Second Language is scheduled for Sept. 22 – 24, 2010, from 9am to 4pm.

For more information, contact the Adult Basic Education Office at 234-3690 Ext. 1723, 1724, or 1721 located in Blg.G at the As Terlaje Campus.

In addition, to ratchet up efforts to recruit instructors, NMC is encouraging all interested individual to submit their application at NMC Human Resource Office located in building P. All applications will then be forward to the ABE State Office for review and then routed to respective content area departments for certification.

The Adult Basic Education Program receives the bulk of its funding from the U.S. Department of Education/ Office of Vocational and Adult Education. ***(NMC)***

PARTIAL

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critical positions," he told *Saipan Tribune* at the IP&E's launching of ultra-low sulfur diesel at the Port of Saipan in Lower Base yesterday afternoon.

A few hours later, the Fitial administration confirmed the dismaying news—payroll will be delayed for non-critical positions this Friday.

Inos said it should be called "partial payless payday" and not "payless payday" because the government is still able to timely release the paychecks of those in critical service positions.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said these employees include the emergency personnel from the Department of Public Safety's Police and Fire Divisions, Department of Public Health, Department of Corrections, and the Division of Youth Services' Juvenile Detention Unit.

Also exempted from the delay are the Public School System, Northern Marianas College and federally-funded employees.

"All other personnel paid out of the general fund will have their paychecks…on Wednesday, Sept. 29th," he said.

Some Capital Hill employees expressed frustration with the situation.

"Right now we're already digging deeper into our personal or family emergency funds," an employee at the Legislature said.

Others who called the Department of Finance's payroll and treasury offices early yesterday afternoon were told that there's no assurance that they will be paid on time.

"Following a fund status review as of today, the administration has determined that there is yet again insufficient fund to satisfy the full disbursement of payroll for government employees this coming Friday. Therefore, the administration has announced that payroll for non-critical service employees will not be disbursed as scheduled for the third time this year. The only difference this time around is that it will not be in the form of paper checks," the press secretary said.

The Fitial administration said given the hassles that have been experienced with the past issuance of paper checks, the Department of Finance has developed a mechanism that will post the automated payroll deposits separately for federally-funded, critical service and non-critical service positions.

Another employee on Capital Hill said it is disappointing that they will have another payless payday when there are still new hires and off-island trip are still allowed.

This will be the third time in CNMI history that government payroll was delayed. The first one was on June 18, and the second one was on Sept. 10. Most employees received their checks a few days later.

AGENCIES

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This, as a legislative conference committee on the budget bill failed yet again to come up with at least a draft version of a budget bill as of yesterday afternoon, a little over a week before the start of fiscal year 2011.

Lawmakers, including Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan), expressed disappointment that the conference committee could not even report or share with other lawmakers the progress of their closed-door meetings, which began last week.

The committee has six members: chairman Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

Only essential employees in critical service agencies will be exempt from a government shutdown, should the Legislature fail to pass a balanced budget before Oct. 1, 2010.

"I think that they haven't given us enough time to prepare. We're told that if there's no budget passed, we won't get paid at least from Oct. 1 to 8. After that, we don't know what else would happen," Santos said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday afternoon.

DLNR Secretary Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz, in a separate interview, confirmed that he met with employees on Monday to inform them that if no budget is passed on time, only a few DLNR employees will continue working and get paid.

Among those he requested Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to exempt from the shutdown are DLNR's agricultural quarantine personnel, one animal quarantine employee, a consumer safety inspector and one snake-detector dog handler.

"Even [I] will not get paid if there's a shutdown. But as secretary of a department, I will still continue to work and check the office from time to time," he said.

The Fitial administration is expected to soon finalize a list of critical/essential positions exempted from the shutdown.

This means those who are not on the list of exempt employees or those in critical/essential service positions will not get paid until a budget is passed. Even lawmakers will not get paid until they pass a balanced budget.

Just like many lowest-paid government employees, Santos wonders whether a lack of job for a week or more will be reason enough to line up for food stamps.

Another government employee who is earning some $20,000 a year said it's going to be a "disaster" for many families living paycheck to paycheck.

"I am now preparing for the worst. There's no telling [whether] the Legislature is going to pass a budget on time," the father of two said. He has been a government employee for 14 years.

Fitial had said he is prepared to do whatever the Constitution requires him to do.

If the Legislature also fails to pass a new law defining "essential services," then the governor will be the one to define the term.

Meanwhile, the conference committee has yet to decide whether to cut government work hours by 16 or eight per pay period. Government work hours are 80 per pay period.

LIVE-FIRE

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lease means that military projects related to the buildup may now proceed.

Tom Linden, chairman of the CNMI Military Integration Management Committee, said last night that the proposed live-fire training ranges on Tinian "will proceed as planned," and the only training range site on hold is the one in Pagat, Guam.

"We expect to get details about the training ranges on Tinian today when we meet with Bice," he said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, also said the training range in question only deals with the Pagat site on Guam.

"It is our understanding at this time that they will move forward as planned with the firing ranges on Tinian," he added.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo, in a statement, reiterated that Tinian would be the "preferred alternative for the location of the training range instead of near Route 15 and Pagat."

But Bordallo said she is encouraged by the Navy's decision to not finalize the firing range location until further consultations with all applicable parties have been completed.

Because training ranges on Guam are not enough, Tinian lands will have to be used.

The military plans to develop four live-fire training ranges on Tinian: A platoon battle course, an automated combat pistol/military police firearms qualification course, rifle known distance range, and a field firing range.

The northern two-thirds of Tinian public lands are leased by the Defense Department, and this leased property already has existing battalion level non-live fire training areas.

All this is related to the relocation from Okinawa to Guam of some 8,600 Marines and their 9,000 dependents, as well as the construction of facilities and infrastructure to support training and operations on Guam and Tinian for the relocated Marines.

In a statement yesterday, the Navy said the ROD is a document required at the conclusion of the environmental review of a federal project or program, outlines the decisions the Navy has made to implement the proposed realignment actions, and specifies associated mitigation measures.

"The decisions in the ROD begin the long-term strategic realignment of U.S. forces on Guam. In reaching these decisions, we carefully considered the many comments received throughout the EIS process," Pfannenstiel said in a statement.

These decisions are the result of thorough consideration of public and resource agency comments on the EIS, interagency discussions, and ongoing discussions with the Guam and CNMI communities and leadership.

"We recognize that there are issues remaining to be addressed and we look forward to working with the people of Guam and CNMI to implement the military relocation in a way that will benefit the community at large – both military and civilian," Pfannenstiel said.

The ROD includes the following major decisions:

1. The Navy will construct the Marine Corps main base at NCTS Finegayan and family housing at the former FAA property/South Finegayan;

2. Marine Corps aviation activities will be at Andersen Air Force Base North Ramp and waterfront operations at Apra Harbor;

3. The Navy will defer a decision on a specific location for a transient CVN berth in Apra Harbor and voluntarily collect additional data on marine resources in the two alternative site locations;

4. The Army will implement its preferred alternative for placement of an Air Missile Defense Task Force should it be assigned this mission on Guam;

5. The pace and sequencing of construction will be adjusted to ensure that construction activities stay within the limitations of Guam's infrastructure; and

6. The arrival of Marine Corps forces will be timed with the availability of their required facilities.

7. The ROD notes that a decision regarding the placement of training ranges for the relocating Marines will be deferred pending completion of the Section 106 consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act.

The ROD will be available online at www.guambuildupeis.us or at the following locations in the CNMI: the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and the Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library on Saipan; and the Tinian Public Library.

Suspected pedophile enters plea agreement

A suspected pedophile who allegedly sexually abused three boys in exchange for money at an Internet shop on Saipan has entered a plea agreement with the government.

Mark Thomas Doyle, through assistant public defender Douglas W. Hartig and assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher, informed the Superior Court about their agreement on the disposition of the criminal charges.

Hartig and Gallagher asked the court to vacate the jury trial for the 46-year-old Doyle, set on Oct. 12. Instead, they asked for a change of plea hearing.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman granted the request yesterday and set the change of plea hearing for today, Wednesday, at 9am.

A plea agreement needs court approval.

Police arrested Doyle in March. The Office of the Attorney General charged him with four counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, and two counts of assault and battery.

Police learned that the incident happened on the evening hours of Feb. 27, March 1, and March 6, 2010, while the students were playing video games at an Internet café in San Jose.

The victims told police that Doyle approached them individually and abused two of them on separate occasions inside the men's room of the Internet shop.

Doyle allegedly slapped the other boy in the face. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

High school students join today's Co-Op Career Fair

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About 90 students from different high schools participating in the Cooperative Education and Training Program are expected to attend today's Career Fair at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Program coordinator Tyce Mister said students from Marianas High School, Kagman High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Rota High School will attend the career fair, scheduled at 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Referred to as the Co-Op, the PSS Cooperative Education and Training Program is designed to help prepare students for the job market in the CNMI. It has two components: Cooperative Education on campus and the Cooperative Training off campus.

The Cooperative Education part teaches the students how to complete resumés and applications, interviews, personal development and other related tasks on campus. The Cooperative Training off campus is the part where students gain work experience by becoming a trainee in an actual business organization.

Mister told *Saipan Tribune* that the career fair serves is an opportunity for students and employers to meet each other and possibly set up an arrangement for the Cooperative Training.

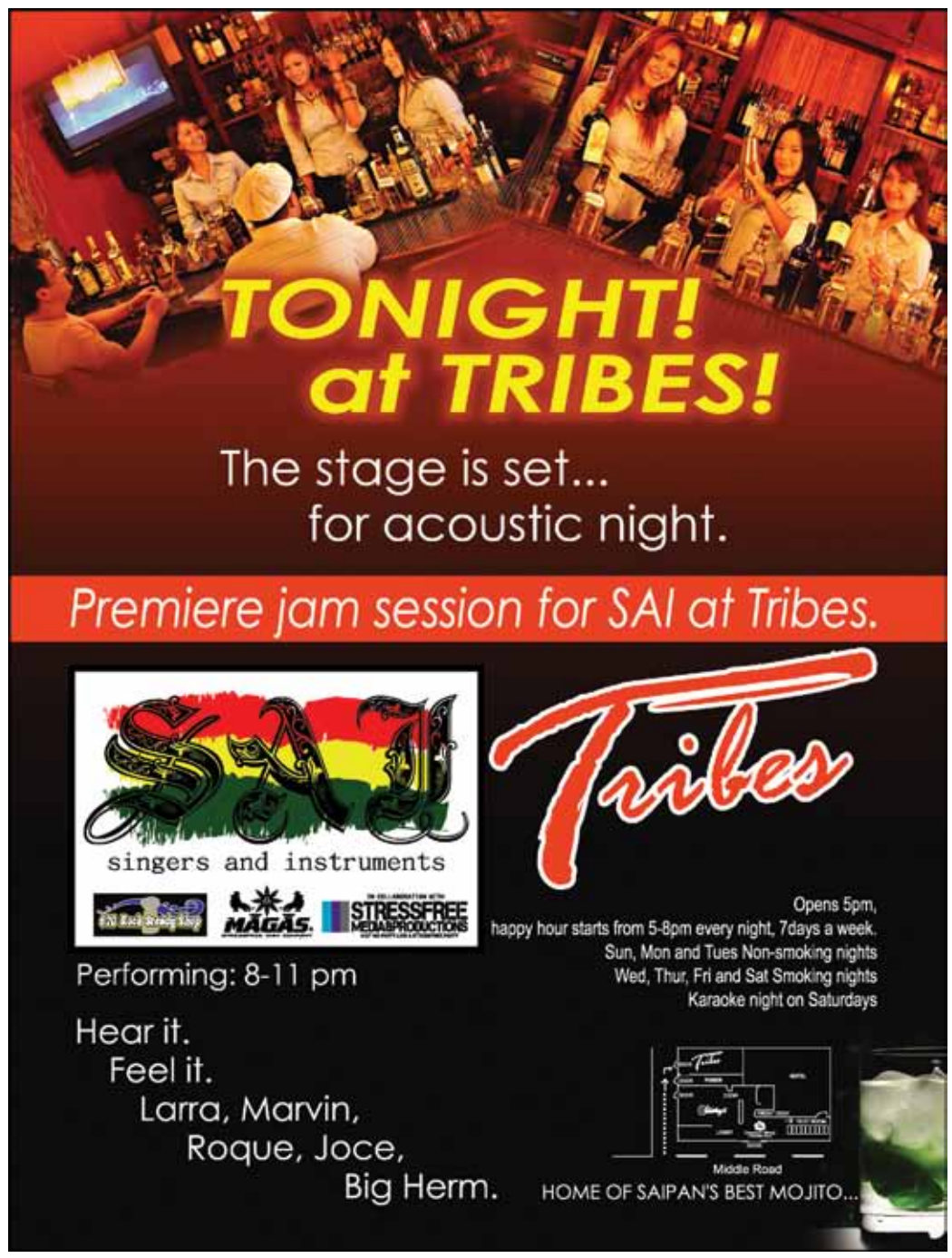
"This will help them to obtain information about a variety of careers Also, hopefully students will gain some self-confidence by sitting down with complete strangers in this non-threatening environment," said Mister, who is also an MHS teacher.

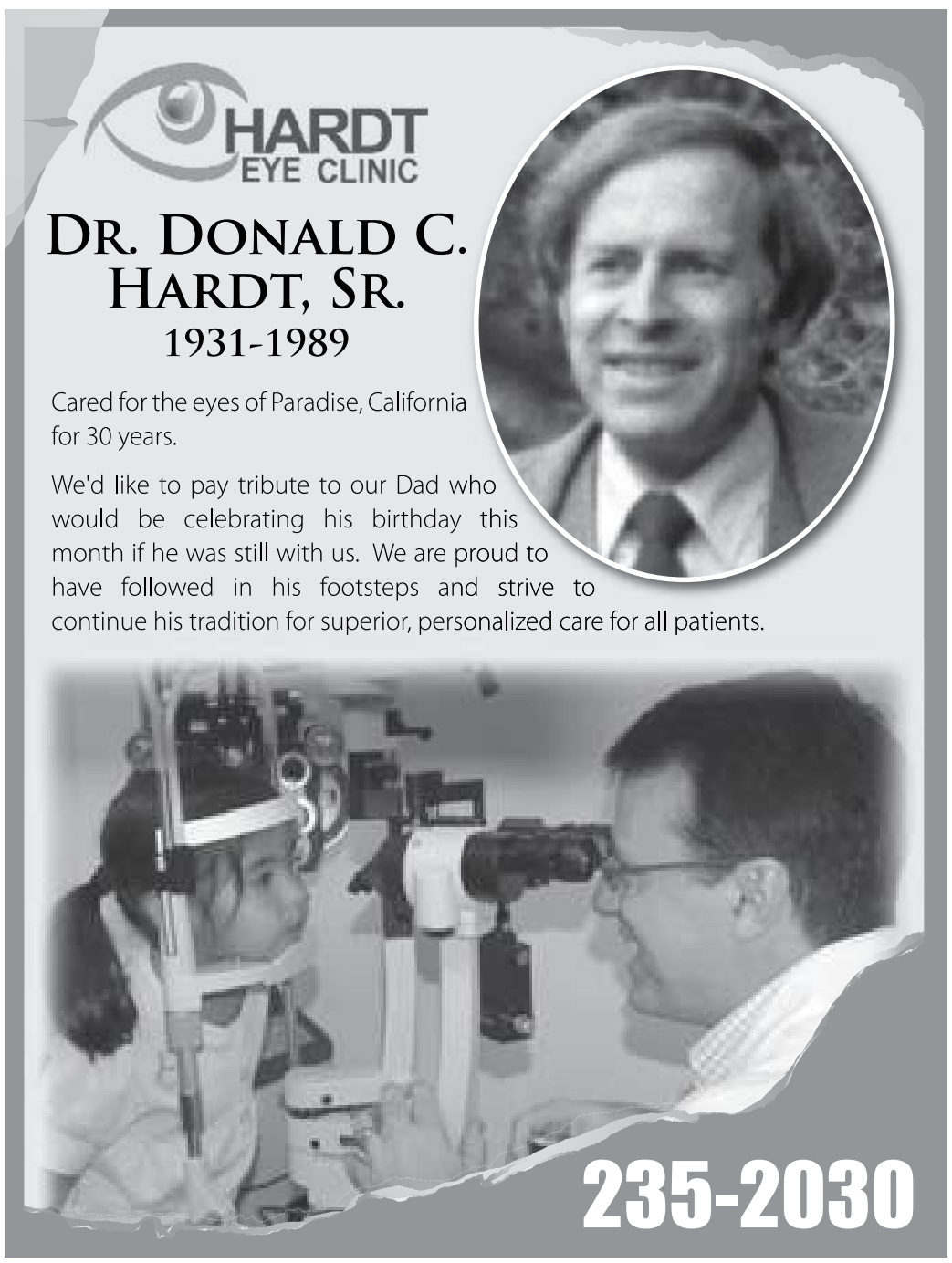
Through the career fair, Mister said students can arrange for interview appointments in line with their career interests.

Students can evaluate the training positions being offered and eventually arrive at a Training Agreement with their respective employers.

As of yesterday, some 30 government agencies and private businesses have confirmed participation in this year's Co-Op fall semester program.

According to Mister, they have been hosting the career fair since 1997. It originally started at the MHS library and has expanded through the years that they now host two per year, following a semester-based schedule.

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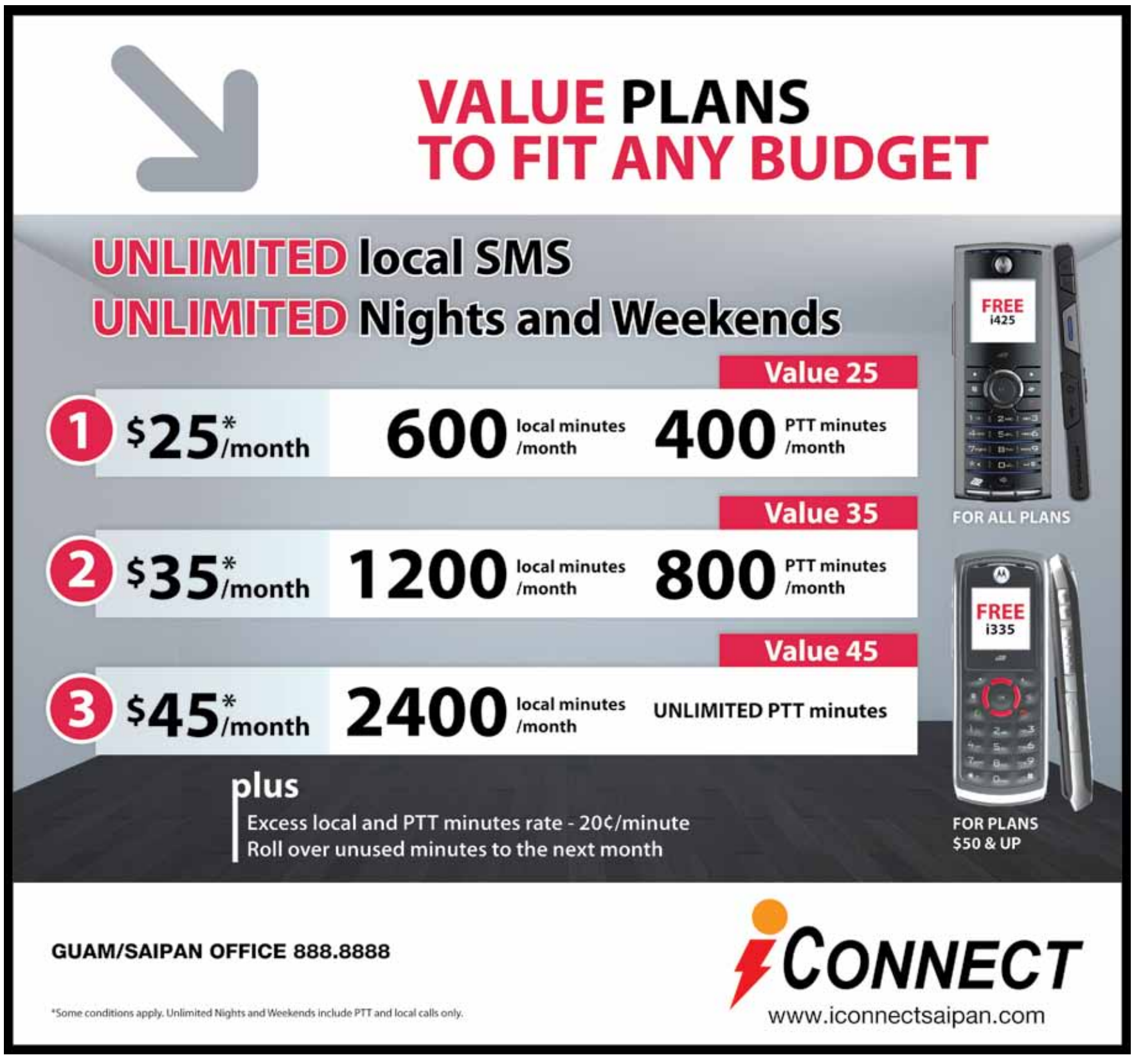

NMC has 35 instructors, 51 adjuncts for fall semester

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Northern Marianas College has in its employ a total of 86 instructors this fall semester, including those serving as part-time educators.

College records show that, as of yesterday, NMC has 35 full-time instructors and 51 adjunct instructors—those who are not working full-time.

According to the college, it currently has a students-to-faculty ratio of 20:1.

"This figure is based using the total number of students and faculty, including the number of full-time and adjunct instructors," said the college in a statement.

This semester, NMC has a total enrollment of 1,234—a 25-percent increase over the fall 2009's 991 enrollees.

It was this increase in enrollment numbers that prompted the college to hire more instructors.

NMC also has 44 non-instructional faculty, which include department chairpersons, scientists, counselors, and extension aids.

Staff and administrators, or those classified as non-faculty employees, total 109.

Based on the college's website, www.nmcnet.edu, NMC is still looking to fill some more positions, including four more instructors for education, nursing, and sciences.

As of yesterday, 10 positions were up for grabs at the college, including academic librarian, bookstore assistant, archivist, director for the Office of Information Technology, extension aide for NMC-CREES program on Tinian, marketing manager for the Office of Institutional Advancement and four instructors for different programs and courses.

NMC is also in the process of selecting a new president after the termination of Dr. Carmen Fernandez in April this year.

Navy to hold training on North Field

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training on North Field Tinian on Sept. 22-24, 2010, from 11am to 11:30pm.

The public should not be alarmed if they see military helicopters landing and taking off in the vicinity of North Field.

North Field is a former World War II airfield on Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(PR)***

PSS confident it will meet HQT requirement by 2011

The Public School System is confident that it will meet the highly qualified personnel requirement before its July 31, 2011 deadline.

To make sure it stays true to the deadline, the PSS and the Board of Education earmarked $1 million from the phase 2 of the for state fiscal stabilization fund to pay for seminars and workshops to help teachers and personnel to become highly qualified in their fields.

"We project that we will meet the Board of Education requirement that all teachers will have passed their Praxis exams and are fully state certified by July 31, 2011. The cost of the summer seminar is estimated to be $500,000 per summer or $1 million in total," stated PSS in the document sent to the U.S. Department of Education.

This past summer, PSS conducted seminars targeted toward enabling teachers, teacher aides, and school counselors to meet the CNMI certification requirements.

It vows to continue the summer institutes in 2010 and 2011 to assist the remaining non-HQT personnel.

To date, there are still 159 teachers who have yet to pass their Praxis test on teacher core content knowledge.

Praxis 1 are tests for reading, writing and mathematical abilities while Praxis 2 are tests for content knowledge in the subject that the teacher teaches. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

DOI supports funding for GCC crime lab

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, Tony Babauta today signed a Capital Improvement Project grant award in the amount of $365,653 allowing the Guam Community College (GCC) to move forward with architecture and engineering designs for DNA lab and toxicology facilities at the campus's Gregorio D. Perez Crime Lab.

"For many years now, GCC, under the leadership of its President Mary Okada, has worked to diversify its curriculum and offer students educational opportunities to be on the cutting edge in various professional fields," said Babauta. "Expanding GCC's Criminal Justice program, with the addition of a DNA lab and toxicology facilities, strengthens GCC's curriculum and places the institution at the forefront of criminology and forensic science in the region." ***(DOI)***

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ROTA VOLUNTEERS: Hundreds of Rota volunteers will be cleaning beaches as part of the Coastal Cleanup for the sixth year in a row! All groups should meet at 8:00 AM at the Round House to collect supplies.

Note: This list was updated September 20. New groups are added daily.

Bill seeks to make early retirement easier

A bill introduced on the Senate floor last week seeks to make it easier for government employees to retire early.

Senate Bill 17-29, introduced by Sen. Jovita M. Taimanao, will allow NMI Retirement Fund members who have not yet met the required number of vested years to retire early without having to pay the required lump sum contribution in one fell swoop.

Instead, as the bill proposes, these members will be allowed to pay for their early retirement contributions over time, at a rate and structure to be determined by the Fund.

Taimanao endorsed the bill after finding out that there are a number of government employees that want to retire early but are prevented from doing so because of the lump sum contribution, as required by Public Law 15-70.

Taimanao believes that by allowing this contribution to be paid over time, Class I members would be able to elect for early retirement without negatively affecting the solvency of the Fund, while at the same time reducing the number of government employees.

Taimanao

The bill proposes that any Class II member may retire on a service retirement annuity upon written application to the board of trustees.

Under existing laws, Class II members who are at least 60 years old may already retire; while Class II members who have 25 years of membership service may retire upon approval of the board.

Taimanao's bill aims to reduce the 25 membership service to 15 years, in order for Class II members to retire.

Class II members are all employees who were Fund members prior to May 7, 1989, and who did not elect to transfer membership to Class I.

All employees of the CNMI government, public corporations, agencies and instrumentalities hired on or after May 7, 1989 but before Jan. 1, 2007 are Class I members.

Of the approximately 3,500 members of the defined benefit plan who have yet to retire, 331 would be eligible for early retirement before Dec. 31, 2010—without reduced pension if the early retirement bill is enacted into law.

A separate bill, Senate Bill 17-43, endorsed by Sen. Pete Reyes last week, proposes to expand shareholder derivative actions to trust and Retirement Fund programs so that individual beneficiaries can maintain lawsuits when trustees refuse to do so.

It is the bill's intention to give beneficiaries of trusts and retirement fund programs the same standing and rights to sue as shareholders of corporations. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

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Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 22, 1999

LaMotte says EMO needs backup technicians
Public Auditor Leo LaMotte yesterday urged the Emergency Management Office to provide training on the repair and maintenance of the agency's Smartnet Communication Systems to ensure the presence of backup personnel during emergency situation. At present, EMO remains dependent on its former technician, Marvin P. Leon Guerrero, whose company MLG Consulting has been contracted by EMO for technical maintenance. Guerrero, who was an employee of EMO until he resigned on Oct. 31, 1997, was accused of conducting private business while on official duty. OPA acquitted him yesterday, saying it found no evidence to prove such allegation. OPA, at the same time, upheld EMO's contract with Guerrero's company.

Chamber to submit additional testimonies to U.S. Congress
The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will submit additional testimonies before the U.S. House Committee on Resources to highlight some issues that were not thoroughly discussed due to limited time given during the presentation at the oversight hearing. Chamber vice president Lynn Knight said U.S. legislators asked why the Northern Marianas has a 14 percent unemployment situation when most companies have employed foreign workers. However, a survey conducted by the CNMI Statistics Office show that over 60 percent of the U.S. citizens are teenagers who live with their parents. Although it is a culturally accepted situation in the CNMI for families to take care of their youth, Knight said there is a need for the Northern Marianas to have a good educational system and training so that the young people can get gainful employment.

Sept. 22, 2000

MVA to draw up report on crime situation
The Marianas Visitors Authority Board has tasked Managing Director Perry John Tenorio to begin gathering information which will help convince the Japanese government that the Northern Marianas is still a safe place for Japanese tourists. MVA Board Chair Dave M. Sablan said the comprehensive public safety situation will include the crime statistics and measures being carried out to reduce incidents of burglary, snatching and theft. The Japanese Consulate wants specific data to show that there is a decline in the crime trend within a specific period. Public safety officials and members of the tourism industry will assist in providing the necessary information.

Chamber wants street naming implemented
Members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday prodded legislators to push for the implementation of the street naming project to help ease the conduct of business on the island. Chamber president Lynn Knight said some of the business leaders emphasized the importance of fast-tracking the project, which has been delayed due to lack of funds and squabbles over names. While the maps to be used in the project have been prepared, the Street Naming Commission has yet to receive money for the purchase of materials and installation of the signs. An estimated $800,000 is needed to fund the project.

Sept. 22, 2002

NMC eyed as region's hub of Internet-based learning
The Northern Marianas College is being eyed to become a regional provider of web-based conferencing and distance learning under the CNMI's Workforce Management Improvement Plan. The WMIP, which the Babauta administration has began implementing this year, says that the distance learning program will be handled by the NMC's School of Education. The NMC said it has obtained significant funding for this important technology. From its current grants, the NMC plans to contribute some $120,000 for the hardware/infrastructure, support for a new server, upgraded Internet capability and technical assistants for content development.

Nurturing the island's women and the elderly
Since her appointment as Rota's Women's Affairs representative in January this year, Rose Q. Manglo-a already knew what she has to do: Provide care and assistance not only to the women, but also to the elderly and the children. "All our programs are approved by the Governor and the Lt. Governor upon my submission of my action plan in February," Manglo-a said in an interview. One of the priority programs is the fruit basket delivery for Manamkos on their birthdays to cheer them up and "just say we care for them."

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Current competition among Internet companies is best path for consumers

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The U.S. economy remains weak with high unemployment and sluggish growth, but there is at least one bright spot—an industry that continues rapidly innovating, bringing new products and services to market. Information technology—particularly broadband and wireless Internet—is thriving and gives hope that America's economy can get back on track again.

What explains the strength of this sector? At least, two things.

First is strong competition. As technology behemoths Apple, Microsoft, Google, Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, Comcast, Time Warner and more—slug it out for consumer dollars, their primary weapon is innovation.

Hence the explosion of new offerings such as the iPad, Netflix's streaming movies, and Virgin's new Mifi wireless broadband, to name a few. No other sector is as dynamic. Investment in R&D remains strong.

Second is a light regulatory framework. Ever since the Internet began transforming American life in the 1990s, Washington policy-makers wisely kept in check their impulses to micromanage this freewheeling sector.

Could anything upset this fortunate state of affairs? Maybe. Pro-regulatory forces are up in arms over the recent release by tech giants Google and Verizon of a blueprint for a proper regulatory approach to the Internet. The critics fret this Goorizon plan will end the Internet as we know it and are demanding government step in to regulate.

Despite the heated opposition, here's why you shouldn't be alarmed at the Google-Verizon proposal.

For the most part both companies want a continuation of the light regulatory touch for broadband Internet that has prevailed for 15 years. Minimal regulation has been good for both companies, of course. But that's not what is important. What matters is that it has been good for consumers.

What really has the critics of the proposal upset is that both companies oppose new net neutrality regulations for the wireless Internet.

Net neutrality means different things to different people. For those critics of the Google and Verizon blueprint, it means that all data that moves over the wireless Internet should be treated equally; and wireless providers should not be permitted to block applications for use over their spectrum.

The problem is that net neutrality has never existed over the wireless Internet and it never will, for good reason.

Wireless spectrum is a scarce resource and managing the increasing flow of telephone calls, text messages, e-mails, video games, audio and video streams and who knows what else in

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The NCLB story

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The No Child Left Behind Act was one of President George W. Bush's major legislative achievements, but the implementation of its lofty goals ran against the competing demands of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the global war on terror, on the one hand, and the sucking vortex of the bureaucracy, on the other.

With the emphasis on metrics (standard measure, for the laity) many teachers began to "teach to the test," including yours truly who felt pressured by PSS' emphasis on the results of the SAT that I shamelessly dug up an old copy of a previous test, and scheduled a test run for my homeroom students. It turns out that PSS recycles its tests and the one I was about to administer might actually be the one to be given that year. Packed all copies and sent them all to the principal's office for disposal ASAP!

A survivor of physically threatening combat zones in not a few places around the world (not with the party in uniform), the survival instinct is paramount that the niceties of ethics sometimes take a back seat to expediency. When one betrays one's convictions for quick rewards, it is time to self-administer a reality prick on one's conscience, and move on to something else. I did.

A quick overview of our national public school system. The Puritans having replaced the authority of the spoken word (clerical and papal) with the Guttenberg-assisted printed word (the Bible), had reasons to promote literacy among covenant members. Thomas Jefferson thought that proper governance was to be achieved only by having an educated citizenry. Massachusetts set the movement toward free public education; Horace Mann and John Dewey gave the conversation a lively flavor. Not just free and accessible public education but pedagogy itself rose to prominent discussions in the '60s. Paolo Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed suggested that the real learning situation is when the teacher and students are both subjects, the teacher learns as the student teaches also. Marshall McLuhan's The Medium is the Message gave educators ample grist to chew on.

Universal public education evolved into an American signature program, and when youth and child labor could no longer be accommodated in farms and factories, compulsory education into the secondary school level followed; sent prospective managers and administrators to higher education. Reforms of the school systems were undertaken at local levels until post-WWII when the feds got into the picture with budgetary assistance, and the consequent standardization of operations and curriculum. Inclusiveness in education pushed against homegrown sectarian exclusiveness in public service (e.g., racial segregation), fueled by the inroads of law and the civil rights movement (minorities and the marginalized), which brought us the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in the War on Poverty program, and finally, its reauthorization in NCLB.

NCLB has two redeeming features from my point of view as a teacher: first, its concern with student achievements, which begs Freire's insight of students' participation in their own learning; second, the element of choice, embodied in the school voucher and charter school options that can actually serve the needs of both the gifted-and-talented and the marginalized non-normatives. The Race to the Top program that pits schools against each other for federal dollars is misguided, gains bragging right more than enlightenment; it runs counter to research findings that finds collaboration and cooperation as a necessary context and operational mode for the learning environment.

How does NCLB play in our local PSS? This must be asked against its target audiences: students, teachers, administrators, parents and community. The challenge for individual student's awards and rewards is high, and if one had not noticed, the field is dominated by immigrant and non-citizen children. Students First has a good ring and the publication makes for good copy. It serves administrators well since, if students need to have "fun, fun, fun" in learning, administrators need "funds, funds, funds" for travel and hotel accommodations. Slit-eyed auditors are raising eyebrows.

Teachers are individually challenged like students and there are great teachers in the ranks. As a group, ACT is an inert fact; in individual schools, collaboration among teachers is forced. One would wish for something like voluntary Connection Circles for teachers as a regular venue for dialogue and exchange but we could not even get the PSS email system to work, or the 237-phone system to be reliable! Parents? They help in fundraising. Many have two jobs, but they will give to the fund drive, neh! Retired grannies are assets, if they are too tired to come forward. Community? If one means representatives up Capital Hill, and budgetary allocations, PSS is perceived as a fat cat needing to be cut into leaner-and-meaner size!

Fundamentally, NCLB is funds. Unfortunately, that is all it seems to mean. With the reauthorization coming up, maybe Central can facilitate verifiable info sharing and constructive dialogue at the school PTA level. Nah!

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Laying the foundation

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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As our country moves closer to deciding the future of the republic this coming Nov. 2, the issue boils down to choosing between retention of traditional American free enterprise system versus European style social democracy.

Here at home we ponder who among four candidates has the requisite credentials and professional experience to bridge the gap of a very dysfunctional federal/CNMI relationship. It's an issue where we no longer could afford donning the role of weighted divers headed into the sea of mediocrity. Must have the best!

In the midst of change at both levels of government, issues affecting the livelihood of people from small-town America to island communities are as complex as they are complicated. The severity of revenue drop here is mind numbing in itself. Having done nothing for more than a decade, most folks at the helm are at a loss how to domesticate the beast. And most found out that money doesn't grow on trees or that plants need water to grow. It must be a DNA in indigenous *mañana*.

Governance pines for answers as to seek for immediate federal intervention on local issues. As difficult as this may be, the longing for real answers and the convenient absence of proactive leadership is what's behind the message of "We the people..." Federal intervention is hard to come by under a severely dysfunctional relationship. If it steps in (and I doubt that it will), it would demand that we demonstrate and prove our case under the adolescent loud-mouthy claim of "self-government." It has done this to the State of California and so we can expect the same.

In the interim, we must guard against killing small businesses with more ill conceived tax increases. Whether across the country or here, small businesses represent more than 90 percent of employer firms. It has cushioned jobs for folks with skills who wish to remain productive. While hundreds have folded, hundreds more have sprung up to provide jobs in these isles. Though the amount being proposed may be insignificant, a businessman knows best what to do with $100 more so than politicians.

"Higher tax rates would drain the businesses of cash flow, the lifeblood of any business, and would diminish the incentives to grow and add new workers," economist Curtis Dubay of The Heritage Foundation told lawmakers last spring. "Raising rates on these successful businesses would damage the economy at any time, but doing so now when the unemployment rate is starkly elevated and the recovery just underway is stunningly foolish." Let's steer clear of destroying private industries at a time when we need them most.

We also must realistically address and resolve constitutional and statutory policies that are regressive at best. It includes the current tax system, land alienation, and other policies that have spiked the cost of doing business here unnecessarily.

We shouldn't be fearful discussing policy matters with reasoned analysis. It's time to realistically face the music and dance accordingly or leave the beat "as is" and rein in a government sinking deeper into the sea of bankruptcy. It's all up to us to make it or break it. Some sacrifices are in order and no longer can we front evasiveness as the magical pill.

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The strength of unity

Over 40-60 years ago, small island communities here have put forth their best foot to do what is right for the benefit of everyone. For instance, no one waits around for a command to assist when a neighbor's house is on fire. Everybody moves quickly to douse it in order to save the family house from total destruction.

This once powerful traditional custom has somehow faded into history. We have become reliant on the story, "It's not my job." Then whose is it? Aren't we all—regardless of ethnicity—part and whole of this community? Need we victimize others for all our inadequacies? Are we not part of the problem for staying idly by when we can pitch in?

This traditional custom is most needed at this juncture. In brief, we're known for the resiliency to withstand the toughest of times. We still could do it. But this is one turn in our developmental history when we should exert just a little more to bring everybody into the fold to ensure saving most everyone from going down a sinking boat.

I'm stuck with the concept of wealth and jobs creation because herein lies the future of these isles. If somehow we've missed the boat, it only means that we've ignored addressing and resolving issues of substance in recent past. Perhaps we seem bored to death facing self-inflicted insanity by turning the same answers over and over hoping for different results. Acknowledging its complexity, it means a retreat is in order to reassess when did we go off the ranch, so to speak. It means returning with stronger resolve to refine regressive policies in order to open up opportunities for stronger and lasting investments.

I know you're tired, but hold unto my hand for I have no plans to leave you in the land of slavery of abject poverty. We can do it and together we can make it. Let's allow the tide of hope to lift our boat, however slowly.

This is how they treat their friends?

By BILL MCKIBBEN
Los Angeles Times

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I got to see the now-famous enthusiasm gap between liberals and conservatives up close last week, and it wasn't a pretty sight.

The back-story: I help run a global warming campaign called 350.org. In midsummer, we organized an effort to urge world leaders to put solar panels on the roofs of their residences. It was part of the lead-up to a gigantic Global Work Party on Oct. 10 (10-10-10), and a way to give prime ministers and politburos something easy and visible to do in the fight against global warming. One of those crucial leaders is, of course, Barack Obama.

And so we tracked down the solar panels that once had graced the White House roof, back in the 1970s under Jimmy Carter. After Ronald Reagan took them down, Unity College in rural Maine put them on its cafeteria roof, and they've remained there since. That college's president, Mitch Thomashow, immediately offered us a panel to take back to the White House. Better still, he encouraged three of his students to accompany the panel.

And so, on the day after Labor Day, we set off in a biodiesel college van. It couldn't have been more fun. Guitars, iPods, excellent snack food, rallies each night. Wherever we could, we'd fire up the panel, pour a gallon of water in the top, point it toward the sun, and eight or nine minutes later we'd have steaming hot water coming out the bottom. Thirty-one years old and it worked like a charm—a vexing reminder that we've known how to do this stuff for decades. We just haven't done it.

That's what we kept telling reporters as they turned out along the route: If the Obamas would put solar panels back on the White House roof, it would help get the message across—the same way that seed sales climbed 30 percent across the country in the year after Michelle planted her garden.

There was just one nagging concern as we headed south. We still hadn't heard anything conclusive from the White House. We'd asked them—for two months—if they'd accept the old panel as a historic relic returned home, and if the president would commit to installing new ones soon. We'd even found a company, Sungevity, that was eager to provide them free. Finally, on a Thursday evening, the White House agreed to a meeting at 9 the next morning.

The two bureaucrats who met with us in the Executive Office Building spent a lot of time bragging about the administration's environmental accomplishments, including the great work they were doing on federal buildings. I was beginning to despair that nothing could stop the flow of self-praise when one of the three seniors from Unity raised her hand and politely interrupted.

I already knew that these students—Jean Altomare, Amanda Nelson and Jamie Nemecek—were special, but my guess is the bureaucrats hadn't figured that out. Unity is out in the woods, and these kids were majoring in things like wildlife conservation. They'd never had an encounter like this. It stood to reason that they'd be cowed. But they weren't.

One after another, respectfully but firmly, they asked a series of tough questions and refused to be filibustered by yet another stream of platitudes.

Here's what they wanted to know: If the administration was serious about spreading the word on renewable energy, why wouldn't it do the obvious thing and put solar panels on the White House?

The bureaucrats refused to answer the question. One kept smiling and saying, "If reporters call and ask us, we will provide our rationale," but they didn't provide it to us.

They also refused to accept the Carter panel, or even pose for a picture with the students. Asked to do something easy and symbolic to rekindle a little of the joy that had turned out so many of us as volunteers for Obama in 2008, they point-blank said no.

If you want to know about the much-discussed enthusiasm gap between Democratic and Republican bases, this was it in action. As Altomare told the New York Times: "We went in without any doubt about the importance of this. They handed us a pamphlet." Nelson added: "It was really shocking to me to find out that they really didn't seem to care."

The normal way to handle a failure like the one we had at the White House is to claim some kind of victory. We could have said we had an excellent exchange of views and that the administration had taken seriously our plea. But that would have been lying.

Alternatively, we could have rounded on the administration and taken our best shot. It would have been easy enough right then and there to chain ourselves to the White House fence with the panel next to us. It would have gotten some serious press.

But I couldn't stand to make that enthusiasm gap any wider, not seven weeks before an election. True, it's the moment when we might have some leverage. But no less true: The other side is running a long slate of Senate candidates who boast that they don't believe in climate change.

And a confession. We'd walked past Obama's official portrait on the way out, and despite the meeting we'd just had, I couldn't help but smile at the thought that he was president. I could remember my own enthusiasm from two years ago that had me knocking on doors across New Hampshire. I admired his character and his smarts, and if I admire them a little less now, the residue's still there.

And so I couldn't help thinking—part of me at least—like this: The White House political team has decided that if they put solar panels on the roof, Fox News will use that as one more line of attack. Jimmy Carter comparisons aren't what the administration is after.

If that's their thinking, I doubt they're on the mark. As far as I can tell, the right has a far better understanding of the power of symbols. Witness the furor they've kicked up over "the mosque at ground zero." My feeling is that we should use the symbols we've got, and few are better than a solar panel.

Actually, I'll be surprised if the White House doesn't put up solar panels within a year. But even if they do, that would just be the barest of beginnings. Which is why, with other environmental leaders, we recently issued a call for ideas about a campaign of civil disobedience next spring—at power plants and coal mines but at White Houses too, if they don't turn at least a little green.

We've run out of spare decades to deal with climate change—the summer's events in the Arctic, in Russia, in Pakistan proved that with great clarity. We know what we need to do, and we must do it. Enthusiastically.

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the future—means data can't in any meaningful sense be treated equally or neutrally. Network operators must have the flexibility to manage their networks as they see fit.

What's more, all wireless providers already block the use of certain applications, such as P2P software, that would be too disruptive to their wireless systems. This is common sense and good business practice.

The critics of the deal say big companies will only act in their own self interest and so they must advocate on behalf of the consumer. They say Washington must step in to regulate the market.

But the best guarantor of a consumer's interest is vigorous competition. And wireless is wildly competitive. Companies in uncompetitive industries do not need to spend money to advertise, innovate or improve their offerings because consumers don't have a choice.

A quick glance at TV, newspapers, magazines and the Internet, teeming with ads from wireless companies, is just one indicator of how competitive the industry is. The steady stream of new products and services is another.

The last thing a struggling American economy needs is regulators with itchy trigger fingers taking aim at one of the country's most dynamic sectors. Instead, let's watch its continued evolution and act only when consumer harm is obvious. Given the competitive nature of information technology today, that's unlikely to happen any time soon.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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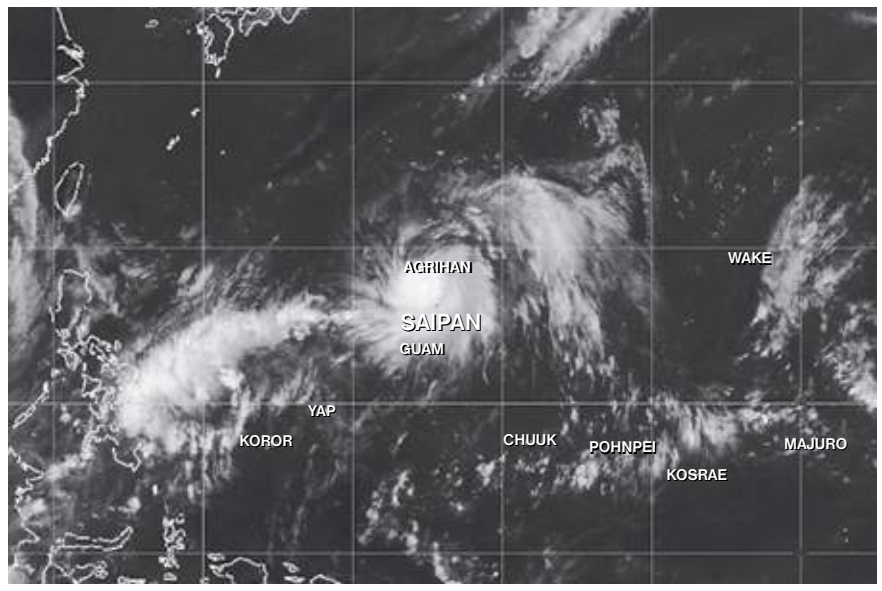
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲87	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲75	▼54
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼69
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼56
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼56
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼67
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲79	▼66
Paris	Showers	▲77	▼56
Pusan	Showers	▲75	▼66
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼62
Salem	Sunny	▲71	▼50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼55
Seoul	Sunny	▲73	▼58
Tokyo	Showers	▲75	▼68
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼72

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm 13W is centered just northwest of Agrihan near 18N146E and is moving to the northwest at 7 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are found around the center and across the Northern Marianas between 14N and 20N from 140E to 149E. Trade-wind convergence along the eastern edge of 13W is producing scattered showers and thunderstorms between 15N and 24N from 151E to 155E. For further information on Tropical Storm 13W, refer to JTWC bulletins under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and National Weather Service public advisories under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A surface trough extends westward from Tropical Storm 13W to 12N130E and farther west. Scattered showers exist well north of Koror and Yap within 80 miles of a line extending from 15N140E to 14N132E to 12N130E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers south of Chuuk within 90 miles of a line extending from 3N141E to 5N153E to 6N160E to 9N167E to 9N171E including Pohnpei and Kwajalein and east of Majuro in an area bounded by 20N170E to 15N167E to 3N180 to 8N180 back to 20N170E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
6:42 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:15 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
7:18 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:14 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:13 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:12 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:20 PM	4:55 AM
Thursday	5:55 PM	5:41 AM
Friday	6:31 PM	6:27 AM
Saturday	7:09 PM	7:15 AM
Sunday	7:49 PM	8:05 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA

DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily

NAGOYA-SAIPAN

DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL630/641	6:30am	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Juan Pan appeals conviction, asks high court to stay judgment

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Businessman Juan Pan T. Guerrero has appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court and asked the Superior Court to stay the court's judgment that found him guilty of driving while under the influence of alcohol and two other traffic offenses.

Attorney Steven P. Pixley, counsel for Guerrero, said a review of case records shows that there are legitimate and significant questions on the sufficiency of the evidence to support a finding of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt on the offenses of speeding and DUI.

"Mr. Guerrero would have already served his five-day jail sentence should this motion for stay be denied," Pixley said.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona had found Guerrero guilty of driving under the influence, speeding by failing to maintain a clear distance, and refusal to submit to a breath test. She acquitted him of reckless driving.

Manglona sentenced Guerrero to five days in prison on Sept. 3. The 60-year-old businessman was supposed to start serving his sentence on Oct. 15, 2010, at 7am.

The case arose from incident on the night of March 4, 2010, when Guerrero hit another vehicle being driven by Chester Cuento on the northbound lane of Middle Road in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

In a motion for stay, Pixley asserted that the evidence presented during the trial was insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Guerrero was guilty of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

"There was simply insufficient evidence of physical impairment to prove this critical element of the offense," Pixley said.

While he deems it proper for the court to consider a driver's refusal to take a breath test, along with other evidence in determining a driver's guilt of DUI, he said the absence of corroborating evidence of intoxication undermines this inference.

The lawyer said both drivers presented different versions of the events leading up to the accident.

"Mr. Guerrero was able to fully understand the investigating officers, he called 911, he had no problem walking, he asked for a field sobriety test, his lack of intoxication was corroborated by Mr. Juan SN. Lizama and the evidence of physical impairment was, at best, very minimal," Pixley said.

In sum, he added, this case raises legitimate issues regarding the sufficiency of the evidence to support a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt.

IP&E introduces ultra low sulfur diesel to the CNMI

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, third from left, joins officials and employees of Isla Petroleum & Energy Holding Co. LLC led by IP&E chief operating officer Eloy Lizama, second from left, and CNMI area manager Jeff Boyer, center, at the launching of IP&E's ultra low sulfur diesel at the Port of Saipan in Lower Base yesterday afternoon.

The CNMI's newest commercial fuel provider bannered yesterday the arrival of its first shipment of a more efficient and environment-friendly type of diesel fuel.

Isla Petroleum and Energy Holding Company, which recently acquired the assets of Shell North Pacific, made history as the first company to introduce the ultra low sulfur diesel fuel to consumers in the CNMI.

IP&E officials made the announcement in a press conference at the seaport yesterday, attended by government officials and private business owners and representatives.

Jonathan A. Perez, IP&E director of commercial business, said an oil tanker, carrying the initial 20,000 barrels of ULSD, arrived on Saipan from their fuel supplier in Singapore.

ULSD is a cleaner burning diesel fuel since it has a 99.7-percent lower sulfur content compared to the conventional 0.5-percent diesel fuel currently sold on Saipan.

Chief operating officer Eloy Lizama said the use of ULSD leads to an "impressive reduction" in harmful sulfur emissions, which would result in cleaner air, fewer corrosive engine deposits, and better engine performance.

With the improvement in engine performance, ULSD will also improve engine start times and lengthen the period of time between necessary oil changes, said CNMI area manager Jeff Boyer.

According to Perez, all diesel-powered vehicles manufactured on or beyond 2007 are required to use the ULSD fuel, which has been available in the U.S. mainland and other progressive countries such as Japan.

However, Lizama said the transition from the old diesel stock to the ULSD will take time as the new fuel will not be available at all local retail pump service stations until after a couple of months in the transition process.

"To make sure our customers obtain the highest possible benefit from this change, we will be meeting with you and convening technical seminars to explain how our customers can take full advantage of the benefits this incredible product can provide," he said.

Perez added that the technical seminars will most likely begin with major diesel consumers and users such as the trucking industry and the power sector.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who attended the press briefing, commended IP&E for its efforts to introduce ULSD to the CNMI. This, he said, achieves the best of two worlds: better fuel efficiency and a cleaner, healthier standard of air quality.

"As we begin the transition process for a cleaner and greener future, I stand ready to support your commitment and efforts to usher in a new era of environmental stewardship, especially at a time when the impending threat of climate change is a global concern," said Inos.

DPW building inspector in extortion case was twice convicted in California

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Thomas S. Salas, the building code inspector of the Department of Public Works who was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Friday for alleged extortion, was convicted twice in the State of California.

U.S. Probation Officer Margarita Wonenberg told the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday that Salas had lied to her when she asked him after his arrest if he had been arrested before.

Wonenberg said that during her interview of Salas, he said he had not been arrested before. But when she conducted a routine investigation, the National Crime Information Center indicated that Salas had two prior convictions in California.

In 1987, when he was only 19 years old, Salas was convicted of assault and sentenced to six months in jail, Wonenberg said.

Salas was again convicted in 2002 of receiving a stolen property, sentenced to 90 days in jail, and placed on three years of probation, she added.

Wonenberg said she also gathered from the Department of Public Safety that there is a pending investigation against Salas for theft of service charges. In this case, she believes that Salas was not arrested, but only questioned.

When asked whether she believes that Salas was not truthful during her interview, Wonenberg replied that he certainly was not.

U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley called Wonenberg to the witness stand to support the U.S. government's motion to order Salas' continued detention.

FBI special agent Edmund Harrison Ewing also took the witness stand to testify that he aided FBI special agent Haejun Park in the investigation involving Salas and that he was present when the suspect was under surveillance and during his arrest in the parking lot of the Bank of Hawaii building on Sept. 17.

He said they also saw four laptops in the suspect's vehicle, but they did not take them as they did not have a search warrant at that time. When they checked the next day, this time armed with a search warrant, the laptops were no longer in the vehicle.

He said the vehicle was held at the time in the parking lot of the building where the FBI's office is located.

Ewing said they contacted the Department of Corrections to ask about the computers. The agent said they learned from DOC that Salas apparently called his girlfriend, who then picked up the computers.

He said they proceeded to the girlfriend's house where they found the four computers on a couch.

Ewing said they believe there is evidence in the computers.

O'Malley argued that Salas should be detained as he did not disclose his criminal history when Wonenberg interviewed him.

O'Malley said Salas poses a danger to the community as he may reach out to potential witnesses and tamper with evidence.

Attorney David Banes, counsel for Salas, said the suspect grew up on Saipan and is not a flight risk.

Banes said the conviction in California was over 20 years ago and happened when Salas was only 19 years old.

Banes said the other conviction was not a violent crime and that there was no evidence presented as to who took the computers.

As for Salas not being truthful during his interview, the defense lawyer said Salas thought that Wonenberg was only asking whether he had been arrested on Saipan.

In the end, the judge ruled in favor of temporarily freeing the suspect, saying he believes that Salas is not a flight risk and does not pose a danger to the community.

Pro allowed Salas' release on his own recognizance, with some terms and conditions to be complied with.

"If you screw up, you'll go to jail," the judge told him.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday greetings go out to Ms. Ana Ada–si sexy mama–who is celebrating her birthday today, Sept. 21, 2010! Still looking good after all these years! Have a glorious and fabulous day! Greetings come from all your family and friends.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday to our beautiful daughter, Jiana Isa Dela Rosa, who turns 11 years old today, Sept. 22, 2010. No matter how many birthdays come and go, you'll always be my little girl. Love, Daddy and Mommy.

Birthday greetings go out to Diosdidith Julve and Angel Dawayen. Greetings come from the Victorious Christian Church Men's Fellowship.

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Business

An island twist to Japanese cuisine

CLARISSA V. DAVID
Island Japanese Cuisine Hiro Restaurant is located on the ground floor of Victoria Hotel across the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

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Eiko Kamei has been serving appetizingly delicious Japanese and local dishes, the signature of her restaurant on Saipan, for over 20 years.

In 2010, a very much hands-on Eiko decided to start anew with a restaurant that would offer islanders a welcome variation on the usual Japanese cuisine served up on Saipan.

Island Japanese Cuisine Hiro Restaurant offers a roster of popular Japanese dishes that are impeccably prepared and intensely flavored with local ingredients.

"We try to use as much local products as possible. Instead of importing products from Japan, we try to look for something that works with the dishes using local products," disclosed Eiko's son, Hiro Kamei, who was the inspiration for the restaurant's name.

For instance, Hiro's Original Curry dish is accented with layers of mango and other local fruits that certainly add flavor and texture to what was once ordinary fare.

Island Japanese Cuisine Hiro Restaurant takes pride in utilizing locally grown ingredients to whip up common and well-known dishes with a twist.

Hiro said they experiment with dishes to come up with innovative fares like using local fish in making fresh fish dumplings or in cooking up a unique style of pizza.

"I think we're the only restaurant that has adventure on the food. We're trying to use fish to make a new flavor, new texture," he said.

According to Hiro, their menu makes their restaurant stand out from other Japanese restaurants here on Saipan.

"We're really promoting island products. We try to show that you don't have to bring stuff from Japan. There's a lot of good stuff here that we could use just to make Japanese food," he said.

Sample their scrumptious Papaya and Pork Sukiyaki or the Chicken Teriyaki Steak laced with mango and garlic sauce for only $10 each.

Worth trying are mouth-watering chasers that are easy on the budget such as the Baked Potato with Tuna Shiokara for only $6 or the Fried Tofu with Spicy Radish for just $5.

With their innovative dishes, Island Japanese Cuisine Hiro Restaurant has already maintained a regular crowd, particularly during lunch time.

Hiro said they plan to offer more seafood dishes in the restaurant menu.

"We want to use more local fishes. Every restaurant here uses tuna, mahi, yellow fin. I want to try to get those smaller fish. They're also good. I think it would be really fun if we have more variety of fishes," he said.

Discover the perfect blend of Japanese and island flavors only at Island Japanese Cuisine Hiro Restaurant. The restaurant is located on the ground floor of Victoria Hotel across the American Memorial Park in Garapan and is open from 11am to 2pm for lunch and 5pm to 10:30pm for dinner.

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Obama backs economic effort, asks for voters' help

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama reached out fervently Monday to skeptical voters who are still hurting long after the declared end of the recession, imploring them to stick with him in elections that could inflict catastrophic losses on Democrats in just six weeks.

Obama

Recognizing the economy is the campaign's Issue No. 1—and a peril for his party—Obama vigorously defended his recovery efforts and challenged tea party activists as well as the Republicans who are clamoring to take over Congress to spell just how they would do better.

Republicans said that's just what they intended to do, on Thursday. House Republicans said they would roll out a roughly 20-point agenda—on jobs, spending, health care, national security and reforming Congress—at a hardware store in suburban Virginia.

Unimpressed in advance, the president said, "We have tried what they're offering." Addressing the GOP and tea party candidates, he said, "It's not enough just to say, 'Get control of government.'"

Campaign style, Obama finished his town hall-like event on the economy and then headed to Pennsylvania to raise money and rally dispirited Democrats for Joe Sestak in a tough Senate race against Republican Pat Toomey.

The president has just a month and a half to make the case for keeping Democrats in charge in Washington to voters itching for change. He cast Democrats as fighters for the middle class and Republicans as protectors of millionaires, billionaires and special interests.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

BP fund czar: No deduction for spill cleanup wages

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The administrator of the fund for victims of the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster says he will waive a requirement that wages earned by spill cleanup workers be subtracted from their claims of lost revenue. Attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who is doling out the $20 billion fund that BP set up, made the key concession on Monday. He says no wages paid by BP PLC to the workers will be subtracted. Feinberg says it will help fishermen who have been working on spill response while they couldn't fish. The Gulf Coast Claims Facility has received more than 68,000 claims since taking over from BP in August, and has paid more than $240 million.

Online gambling company agrees to forfeit $33M

NEW YORK (AP)—Online gambling company Sportingbet PLC has agreed to forfeit $33 million to avoid being prosecuted in the United States for illegally accepting Internet bets made by Americans for nearly a decade. The London-based company also agreed to permanently restrict its gambling services for U.S. customers, unless there is a change in law. Online gambling currently is illegal in the U.S. The U.S. attorney's office in the Southern District of New York announced the deal Monday. An attorney for Sportingbet, Stuart Slotnick, called it a positive resolution to the case.

Judge in Toyota suit says sealed settlement likely

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—A California judge says he's inclined to keep confidential a settlement between Toyota and the relatives of four people killed when a driver was unable to stop a runaway Lexus. Superior Court Judge Anthony Mohr said Monday he would probably sign such an order. An attorney for the dealership that loaned the Lexus objected, because Toyota's settlement doesn't cover claims against the dealership. The August 2009 crash killed off-duty California Highway Patrol Officer Mark Saylor, his wife, their daughter and Saylor's brother-in-law.

Fish or frankenfish? FDA weighs altered salmon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Genetically engineered salmon that grows twice as fast as the conventional fish appears to be safe, an advisory committee told the Food and Drug Administration Monday. But they argued that more testing may be needed before it is served on the nation's dinner tables.

If the FDA approves the sale of the salmon, it will be the first time the government allows such modified animals to be marketed for human consumption. The panel was convened by the agency to look at the science of the fish and make recommendations on its safety and environmental impact.

Ron Stotish, chief executive of the Massachusetts company that created the salmon, AquaBounty, said at Monday's hearing that his company's fish product is safe and environmentally sustainable.

AP
This undated handout photo provided by AquaBounty Technologies shows two same-age salmon, a genetically modified salmon, rear, and a non-genetically modified salmon, foreground.

FDA officials have largely agreed with him, saying that the salmon, which grows twice as fast as its conventional "sisters," is as safe to eat as the traditional variety. But they have not yet decided whether to approve the request.

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Euro	0.7663	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1013	Taiwan Dollar	31.6810
		New Zealand Dollar	1.3780	Thailand Baht	30.7450

Nation

Murkowski says GOP leaders turned backs on her

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski said Monday she feels that Republican leaders have turned their backs on her as she mounts a write-in bid to try to hold onto her seat.

Murkowski, who lost last month's GOP primary to tea-party-supported Joe Miller, told The Associated Press that she understands this, though: GOP leaders are "committed to a process that is pretty absolute."

"You've got a situation where people are, they're counting numbers. And if it's a Republican body, that's the body we want," she said in an interview from Anchorage. "Here in Alaska, what I hear so often is, 'I vote for the individual. I look at the person, I don't really get myself tied into the party label.'"

She said she recognizes that Alaska is a conservative state. "But I also recognize that in order to get things done, we take the good ideas from our colleagues that are on the other side of the aisle, we work to advance policies and proposals that are good for everybody, not just the Republicans."

Later, she added: "We all know that Washington, D.C., is far too partisan right now. And I think when we allow the numbers to dominate over quality, I don't think that that helps us."

When Murkowski conceded the race Aug. 31, support within the Republican establishment began shifting to Miller, a self-described "constitutional conservative" who believes the federal government is on the brink of bankruptcy, spending must be reined in, and Alaska must be given greater control over its resources to help wean it off what he calls its over-dependency on the government.

Miller, endorsed by Sarah Palin during the primary race, has since garnered support from several of Murkowski's colleagues and the National Republican Senatorial Committee. The committee has pledged at least $212,000 to help him win and has urged her to get on the bandwagon and back Miller.

Murkowski

Murkowski said she can't endorse Miller, who she says has espoused ideas outside the mainstream, or Scott McAdams, the Democratic challenger and small-town mayor she calls likable but inexperienced. She said she has heard from an overwhelming number of Alaskans that they also couldn't support either candidate—and she ultimately decided to run to give those Alaskans a choice.

Murkowski resigned her leadership position within the Republican conference last week. She said she didn't want her decision to stay in the race to cause dissension within the group. Murkowski maintains her committee positions, including that as the top Republican on the Senate Energy Committee.

GOP rules allow any Republican senator to try to remove her by forcing a secret ballot vote of the 41-member caucus, but that is unlikely to happen before the Nov. 2 general election, according to GOP staffers and other observers. There are only a few weeks left in the legislative session, with no action on major bills expected.

Murkowski plans to spend most of her time between now and the election in Alaska, locked in "a political fight that will determine the future of the state," spokesman Steve Wackowski said.

Shooter dead after wounding 2 at Fort Bliss store

FORT BLISS, Texas (AP)—A person opened fire Monday at a convenience store on Fort Bliss, injuring two people before being killed by responding officers, the commander of the West Texas Army post said.

Col. Joseph A. Simonelli Jr. declined to discuss the conditions of the victims or other details of the shooting. Simonelli said the area was roped off for an FBI investigation, but the sprawling facility next to El Paso never was under lockdown.

Simonelli says the shooting was reported about 3 p.m. and authorities responded in about three minutes. He said the post's emergency notification system worked well, sending several messages to his cell phone.

"Our law enforcement agents took it upon themselves to react immediately and aggressively, and I think that's the main reason why this didn't escalate further than it is right now," Simonelli said.

The victims were taken to nearby William Beaumont Army Medical Center, said post spokesman Dieter Jester. Hospital officials declined to comment on the victims' conditions, referring questions to the FBI. An FBI spokesman said the agency wasn't releasing any details.

The victims were employees at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, El Paso Mayor John Cook told the El Paso Times. The service runs merchandise operations for the military, including fast-food restaurants and convenience stores, according to the service's website.

ACROSS THE NATION

Theft charges for woman burned in acid hoax

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—A woman who splashed a caustic substance on her face and claimed a stranger had attacked her is facing three theft charges. The felony second-degree charges filed Monday by Clark County Deputy Prosecutor Tony Golik relate to a public fund that was set up to benefit Bethany Storro after she was chemically burned Aug. 30. She admitted to police last Thursday that her injuries were self-inflicted. Her parents have said all money raised for her will be returned. Storro said she was trying to kill herself when she put what is believed to be caustic drain cleaner on her face, according to an affidavit filed Monday in Clark County Superior Court. "Then, when I realized it wasn't killing me, I thought maybe this was the answer to all my problems. To have a completely different face," she said in court papers quoted by The Columbian. Storro had recently moved to her parents' home in Vancouver after being divorced in Idaho.

Fake bomb left near Wrigley prompts Chicago arrest

CHICAGO (AP)—A man arrested for allegedly placing a backpack he thought contained an explosive near Chicago's Wrigley Field also talked about poisoning Lake Michigan, bombing a landmark skyscraper and assassinating Mayor Richard Daley, according to a federal complaint filed Monday. Sami Samir Hassoun, 22, a Lebanese citizen living in Chicago for about three years, was charged with one count each of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted use of an explosive device. "He wanted to transform the city of Chicago, he wanted to make a statement and he wanted to replace the mayor of Chicago," said FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert Grant. "He was unhappy with the way the city was running. He was also unhappy with things that were happening in other parts of world."

Border governors call for US immigration reform

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—U.S. and Mexican border governors called Monday for reform of U.S. immigration policies, but New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said it's unrealistic to expect Congress to act on the hot-button political issue before the November general election. Richardson made his comments at the close of a border governors meeting, which was held in New Mexico after Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer canceled the event in Phoenix because of a planned boycott by Mexican governors over Arizona's new immigration law. Richardson was the only U.S. governor to participate along with the governors of six Mexican states. California Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado filled in for ailing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The governors of Texas and Arizona did not attend.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
September 22, 2010

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. SAIPAN BLUE COCONUT	07/20/10 SLRm-2010-X-066	BANANA BOAT	MANAGAHA ISLAND	LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED(09/13/10)
2. SAIPAN AQUA WORLD INC.	08/06/10 SLRm-2010-X-077	MANAGAHA TRANSFER SNORKELING TOURS	MANAGAHA IS./SAIPAN	LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED(09/09/10)
3. SAIPAN BLUE COCONUT	08/24/10 SSm-2010-X-081	BEACH CONCESSION	BEACH NORTH OF HAFA ADAI BEACH HOTEL	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(09/15/10)
4. SAIPAN BLUE COCONUT	08/24/10 SLRm-2010-X-082	SNORKELING AND MANAGAHA TRANSFER	MANAGAHA IS./SAIPAN	LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED(09/13/10)
5. SAIPAN BLUE COCONUT	08/24/10 SLRm-2010-X-083	WAKE BOARDING	SAIPAN LAGOON	LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED(09/13/10)
6. DTC SAIPAN	08/30/10 SSm-2010-X-84	FILMING	SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(09/01/10)*
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Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Asia

RP weighs charges over hostage standoff

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—President Benigno Aquino III said Manila's mayor, a recently retired police chief and journalists were among a dozen people who could be charged over last month's disastrous hostage standoff that killed eight Hong Kong tourists and damaged ties with China.

Aquino

The recommended charges, both criminal and administrative, were part of a government investigation report on the Aug. 23 hostage crisis that has been handed over to the Chinese ambassador.

Aquino said Monday he will decide whether to approve the filing of charges, including against one of his close aides, after government lawyers have studied the lengthy report and he has returned from an upcoming U.S. trip.

The president told a nationally televised news conference that his administration wanted to speedily render justice to the victims and help the survivors "get back to their lives."

"We are repairing relations with (China)," Aquino said.

The 11-hour hostage standoff and bungled rescue attempt on a bus parked at a historic Manila park—which millions watched on live TV—strained ties with China and its territory of Hong Kong. Both warned against travel to the Philippines, and thousands of tourists canceled bookings.

The crisis was Aquino's first major test, coming less than two months into his presidency, and highlighted problems within the underfunded police force and his new Cabinet.

Scrambling to handle the fallout, Aquino created a fact-finding committee led by Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, who submitted an 83-page investigation report on Friday.

The report cited at least eight major blunders by authorities, including then Manila police chief Rodolfo Magtibay's alleged refusal to heed the president's order to deploy an elite police commando unit instead of a local SWAT team and his decision to leave the hostage scene with the Manila mayor for a nearby restaurant shortly before the carnage erupted.

Magtibay was replaced while the rescue was under way.

The bungled rescue "was the convergence of efficiencies omitted and inefficiencies committed throughout the day," the report said.

The report provided a glimpse of the horror as the hostage-taker, dismissed police officer Rolando Mendoza, walked up and down the bus aisle, firing at the stunned tourists. A 14-year-old hostage tried to crawl from her seat toward her wounded brother but was shot and killed herself.

China did not immediately comment on the report. But a Hong Kong government statement praised the fact-finding committee for completing an initial report and urged Manila to take action against negligent officials.

Japan warns of fanning nationalism in China feud

TOKYO (AP)—Japan warned Tuesday against fanning "extreme nationalism" in a diplomatic standoff with China over the detention of a Chinese fishing captain after his boat collided with Japanese vessels near disputed islands.

Relations between the countries have been on a downward spiral since the captain was detained nearly two weeks ago. Over the weekend, China said it was suspending ministerial and provincial-level contacts, halting talks on aviation issues and postponing meetings to discuss energy-related issues, including a second round of talks with Japan on developing natural gas fields in the East China Sea.

"We should be careful not to stir up narrow-minded, extreme nationalism," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshito Sengoku told a televised news conference Tuesday. "We should try to resolve the problem without escalating the situation, and we'll call for measures through all possible channels."

Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa urged China to provide accurate information on the Sept. 7 incident to its people to avoid worsening anti-Japan sentiment. Japan says the Chinese fishing boat collided with two Japanese patrol boats in the East China Sea.

The United States also appealed for calm, with Acting Deputy State Department Spokesman Mark C. Toner saying it expects the dispute to be "resolved through appropriate diplomatic means."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Death of 9-year-old puts focus on Thai gang wars

LOPBURI, Thailand (AP)—Under the shade of tamarind trees, the teenage students display their battle wounds. One shows where a gunshot grazed his neck last month. Another bares two scars on his scalp and forearm from a recent knife attack. "It happens so often we're used to it," says Atsadawut Taluechai, a skinny 18-year-old who carries a knife to school. "I've been shot in the leg and stabbed in the back." These are the survivors of Thailand's high school gang wars. So common that the media generally ignore them, the battles were thrust into the headlines and parliamentary debate this month when a 9-year-old bystander was shot and killed.

Asylum seekers protest at Sydney detention center

SYDNEY (AP)—A group of asylum seekers were protesting on the roof of the detention center where they were being held Tuesday, saying they were scared of being returned to their home countries and upset over the death of a fellow detainee who was about to be deported. Australia has seen a surge of asylum seekers fleeing Sri Lanka, Iraq and Afghanistan, and protests at detention centers have been relatively common. The increase has been politically volatile as opposition politicians blame the influx on a relaxation of immigration policies by the ruling Labor Party.

NATO says 9 service members killed in crash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—NATO says nine service members with the international coalition in Afghanistan have died after their helicopter crashed in the volatile south. Two other coalition troops, an Afghan National Army soldier and a U.S. civilian were injured in Tuesday's crash and were transported to a military medical center for treatment, the coalition said. NATO did not disclose the location of the crash, which is under investigation. "There are no reports of enemy fire in the area," NATO said in a statement.

Taiwan cleans up after powerful typhoon; 2 dead

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Residents waded through ankle-deep mud to clean up their homes Tuesday, after massive flooding spawned by a powerful typhoon killed two people in southern Taiwan, and caused tens of millions of dollars of damage. Typhoon Fanapi made a direct hit on the island Sunday, dumping more than 40 inches (one meter) of rain in some places. After crossing Taiwan, it slammed into southern China.

World

AP

Shimon Peres, President of Israel, responds to questions during a news conference at United Nations headquarters Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

Peres: Turkish conditions for meeting unacceptable

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—A planned meeting between Israeli President Shimon Peres and his Turkish counterpart was scrapped because of the Israeli leader's refusal to apologize for the deadly commando raid on a Turkish-led flotilla that tried to breach Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip, Israeli officials said Monday.

In the latest bid to repair Israel's relations with its only Muslim ally in the region, Peres told reporters he had agreed to join Turkish President Abdullah Gul at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York, then accepted Gul's invitation to meet on the sidelines. But Israeli officials said Gul then set unacceptable conditions for the meeting.

Gul on Monday denied that any such meeting had ever been planned. "That is not true," the Turkish president told The Associated Press. "There was never a meeting scheduled between us."

A report by Turkey's state-run Anatolia news agency quoted Gul as telling reporters in New York on Sunday that he would not meet with Peres because of a scheduling problem. Some reports had suggested that the two men would meet in a sign of a thaw in strained relations between the two formerly close allies.

Relations between the two countries have been deteriorating and hit a low point after the May raid in which nine people, including eight Turks and a Turkish-American, were killed when Israeli commandos boarded a Turkish ferry that was part of the aid flotilla heading to Gaza. Turkey has demanded that an Israeli apology for the raid and compensation for the victims' families.

Peres told reporters that he found Turkey's conditions for a meeting with Gul to be unacceptable.

"I got some conditions which made this meeting in my judgment not a positive one," Peres told reporters as the U.N. General Assembly's Millennium Development Goals summit was getting under way.

"Now we didn't change our attitude to Turkey. We were friends, we remain friends. Maybe Turkey changed her mind, and that's for the Turks to decide," Peres said. "We don't intend to worsen the situation. Neither can we submit to preconditions which are totally unacceptable."

Peres did not elaborate on the preconditions. But senior Israeli officials confirmed that Gul wanted Israel to publicly apologize for the flotilla raid.

"The Turks came with the demands that could not be met ...," said Israel's U.N. Ambassador Meron Reuben. The demands included "that we apologize for the flotilla incident," he said.

France steps up pledge to combat world poverty

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The 10-year-old promise to lift the world's poorest is unfulfilled and with world economies clawing back from the worst recession since World War II, the French president and others implored leaders on Monday not to return to their "old bad habits" of ignoring global poverty.

Nicolas Sarkozy, the French leader, was the first to accept U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's challenge for nations to deliver more resources to combat global poverty, ignorance and misery. He pledged to boost France's annual $10 billion contribution to the world's poorest people by 20 percent over the next three years. He urged other leaders to join him.

"We have no right to do less than what we have decided to do," Sarkozy told more than 140 presidents, premiers, princes and a king at the opening of the three-day U.N. Millennium Development Goals summit. "Let us not fall back into our old bad habits."

Sarkozy spoke as U.N. member states began their accounting of progress in the decade since promising to end global poverty. Developed nations have fallen well short in keeping pace with a final goal set for 2015. The U.N. acknowledges that even if the main target of reducing extreme poverty by half is achieved in the next five years, nearly 1 billion people still will be living on less than $1.25 a day.

Sarkozy proposed that the world body create a small international tax on financial transactions to fund development aimed at ending poverty and meeting other millennium goals. He said developed nations had a moral obligation to poorer ones.

WORLD BRIEFS

Igor kicks up dangerous surf along US East Coast

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP)—Hurricane Igor kicked up dangerous surf along the eastern U.S. seaboard Monday after brushing past Bermuda and knocking out power to half the population. The storm, already blamed for sweeping three people to their deaths, clung to hurricane status with winds of 75 mph (120 kph) as it sped away from the United States on a path projected to take it close by Newfoundland, Canada, on Tuesday.

Venezuela guards power grid to buffer elections

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The government said Monday it is taking steps designed to prevent blackouts that have been hitting several regions across Venezuela, so there won't be interruptions during congressional elections this weekend. Energy Minister Ali Rodriguez said the plan "involves the presence of workers and military personnel" at all major power plants. "The objective is not only avoiding acts of sabotage, but also preventing any failure that could occur within the electricity system," he said.

At least 23 soldiers killed in Tajikistan ambush

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP)—Heavily armed Islamic militants ambushed a military convoy in eastern Tajikistan, killing at least 23 soldiers and dealing a severe blow to this impoverished nation on Afghanistan's poorly secured northern border. The Sunday ambush is the deadliest attack on security forces in years and underscores the dangers the Islamic militants pose to the government of this ex-Soviet nation. The country, which shares a 830-mile (1,300-kilometer) porous border with Afghanistan, is still reeling from its five-year civil war in the 1990s that pitted a loose coalition of Islamic fighters and nationalists against former Soviet functionaries. About 100,000 people died in the hostilities.

Focus

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Zenaida Tan, center, instructs students in her third-grade class at Morningside Elementary School in San Fernando, California, May 25, 2010.

No gold stars for some great teachers

By JASON FELCH
LOS ANGELES TIMES

It's a Wednesday morning, and Zenaida Tan is warming her students up with a little exercise in "Monster Math."

That's Tan's name for math problems with monstrously big numbers. While most third-graders are learning to multiply two digits by two digits, Tan makes her class practice with 10 digits by two—just to show them it's not so different.

On this spring day, her students pick apart the problem on the board—7-,850,437,826 x 56—with the enthusiasm of game show contestants, shouting out answers before Tan can ask a question. When she accidentally blocks their view, several stand up with their notebooks and walk across the room to get a better look.

The answer comes minutes later in a singsong unison: "Four hundred and thirty-nine billion, six hundred and twenty-four million."

Congratulations, Tan tells them, for solving it con ganas. That's Spanish for "with gusto," a phrase she picked up from watching "Stand and Deliver," a favorite film of hers about the late Jaime Escalante, the remarkably successful math teacher at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Unified School District has hundreds of Jaime Escalantes—teachers who preside over remarkable successes, year after year, often against incredible odds, according to a *Los Angeles Times* analysis. But nobody is making a film about them.

Most are like Zenaida Tan, working in obscurity. No one asks them their secrets. Most of the time, no one even says, "Good job."

Frequently, even their own colleagues and principals don't know who they are.

As part of an effort to shed light on the work of Los Angeles teachers, the *Times* has released a database of roughly 6,000 third- through fifth-grade teachers, ranked by their effectiveness in raising students' scores on standardized tests of math and English over a seven-year period.

The findings are based on an approach called value-added analysis, which is designed to allow fair comparisons of teachers whose students have widely varying backgrounds. Although controversial, the method increasingly has been adopted across the nation to measure the progress students make under different instructors.

L.A. Unified has had the underlying data for years but has chosen not to analyze it in this way, partly in anticipation of union opposition. After the *Times*' initial report last month showed wide disparities among elementary school teachers, even in the same schools, the district moved to use value-added analysis to guide teacher training and began discussions with the teachers union about incorporating data on student progress into teacher evaluations.

The results of the *Times*' analysis are not a complete measure of a teacher by any means, but offer one way to see whether an instructor is helping—or hindering—children in grasping what the state says they should know.

The *Times* found that the 100 most effective teachers were scattered across the city, from Pacoima to Gardena, Woodland Hills to Bell. They varied widely in race, age, years of experience and education level. They taught students who were wealthy and poor, gifted and struggling.

In visits to several of their classrooms, reporters found their teaching styles and personalities to differ significantly. They were quiet and animated, smiling and stern. Some stuck to the basics, while others veered far from the district's often-rigid curriculum. Those interviewed said repeatedly that being effective at raising students' performance does not mean simply "teaching to the test," as critics of value-added analysis say they fear.

What's clear from the data is that these teachers have an immediate and profound effect on how much children learn. On average, their students leapt 12 percentile points on tests of English, from the 58th to the 70th. In math, the gains were even greater: a 17 percentile point jump, from 58th to 75th. All in a single year.

The idea of publicly rating teachers by name has generated enormous controversy among educators and experts across the country. The debate has focused on whether the method is sound and the publicity is fair to those with low rankings.

Often lost in that discussion are the benefits of singling out those who consistently succeed.

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said as much in a recent speech, denouncing a culture in public education that has long been averse to talking about success stories.

"The fact is, rather than shining a light on effective teachers, our education system hides them," he said.

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Experts have long known that highly effective teachers can overcome the challenges students face both inside and outside of school. But why they are so successful—and whether their skills can be passed along to others—remains largely a mystery.

Most of the things districts track about teachers—their age, years of experience, education and credentials—do not appear to matter much, at least when it comes to raising students' performance on tests.

What does matter? Is it chemistry, technique, dedication, rigor? Might it be a thousand smaller, almost invisible things, depending on the subject and type of students?

Hundreds of books purport to answer those questions, but no clear consensus has emerged. And few of the competing theories have been rigorously tested, said Thomas Kane, a leading education researcher at Harvard University.

"It's very difficult for an individual teacher to distinguish between the valuable suggestions and the snake oil," he said.

That's in large part because there is no agreement on how to identify the best teachers. It's something Kane and other education researchers have spent much of the last decade trying to sort out.

In a seminal study in 2008, Kane and a colleague set out to experimentally test the reliability of the value-added approach, which assesses a teacher's effectiveness by measuring the year-to-year gains of each student on standardized tests.

Among other things, some researchers had been concerned about the wide variation in value-added results for individual teachers from year to year, the potential for error in the findings and the possibility that the results would be skewed by how students were assigned to classrooms.

In Kane's experiment, conducted at Los Angeles Unified with administrators' permission, 156 district teachers who volunteered for the project were randomly assigned to classrooms. Kane and his colleague tried to predict, using value-added analysis, how students would do under those teachers. The projections were then compared with the students' actual results.

The conclusion: Value-added analysis was a strong predictor of how much a teacher would help students improve on standardized tests. The approach also controlled well for differences among students, the study found.

With $45 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Kane and other researchers are now following 3,000 teachers in six school districts to see if other types of evaluation—including sophisticated classroom observations, surveys of teachers and reviews of student work—are also good measures of teacher performance.

In the meantime, Kane said that, although it is not perfect, "there is currently not a better measure of teacher effectiveness than the value-added approach."

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Identifying the most successful teachers is merely a first step. The next is to study them closely and find ways to pass their techniques on to others.

It is no simple undertaking.

Some of the top teachers in the *Times*' analysis said in interviews that they weren't sure exactly what made them effective, or were skeptical that whatever it was could be distilled and passed on.

Diane Hollenbach, who recently retired from Broadous Elementary School in Pacoima, was the most effective elementary school teacher of the roughly 6,000 analyzed by the *Times*.

"The ones that love their students and love their job do well," she said. "You can't bottle that, and you can't teach it."

Others had wide-ranging advice for their fellow teachers.

Jilla Sardashti, who taught last year at Parmelee Avenue Elementary School in the Florence-Firestone neighborhood, said she teaches critical-thinking skills from the first day of school.

"These kids are as smart as any other kids in the district," said Sardashti, whose students are mostly poor and Latino and often still learning English. "I'm really good at figuring out what they need, and I provide them with experience to know about the world around them."

Hollie Bloch, who retired in July from Balboa Gifted Magnet in Northridge after teaching in the district 39 years, said that challenging students—especially high-achieving ones—was essential.

"I teach Shakespeare to children," she said. "If the teacher's expectations are high, and you have control of the classroom, those kids should do well."

Said Aldo Pinto, a 32-year-old teacher at Gridley Street Elementary School in San Fernando: "The biggest challenge is getting them to buy into the fact that school is important."

He does that by telling students his own story as the son of Mexican immigrants.

Pinto, like most other teachers interviewed, said his good results had not been recognized.

"No one is really ever really singled out, neither good nor bad," said Pinto. "The culture of the union is: Everyone is the same. You can't single out anyone for doing badly. So as a result, we don't point out the good either."

"When I worked at a bank, I was employee of the month," he added. "For LAUSD, for some reason, it's not a good thing to do."

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Morningside Elementary in San Fernando is in many ways an average school for the district.

Like students at Parmelee, its pupils are largely poor and still struggling with English. Its test scores are below the state goal for the campus but in the middle of the pack for L.A. Unified.

In this very ordinary school, year after year, Tan quietly accomplishes extraordinary things.

In the 2008-09 school year, four of Tan's students started below grade level in math. By the end, they were all advanced. In English, nine of her students started below grade level. All but two ended the year at grade level or higher.

Tan is 62 but looks to be in her 40s. An immigrant like many of her students, she understands what they face. She is still self-conscious about her strong accent from her native Philippines, which she left at 27.

When not teaching, she is a marathon runner, with the wiry frame to show for it. Last spring, she finished Boston's in 4 hours, 20 minutes.

Inside the classroom, she sets a sprinter's pace, at *Times* zipping around her students' desks in an athletic shirt and shorts.

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Campus Life

FOR THIS CHOOL YEAR 2011:

Kagman High sets higher bar for student achievement

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REPORTER

Kagman High School principal Alfred Ada wants to set a higher bar for his students this school year.

Evidence has shown that student learning and student achievement improve and increase if teachers and students set higher standards, he said.

"We will take the challenge and push our students to ignite higher order thinking skills," he told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

Ada cited *Bloom's Taxonomy* of Learning Domains, developed by Benjamin *Bloom*, which theorizes that if students can synthesize their new learning concepts to other subject areas and making meaningful connection, then learning has taken place.

In preparation, prior to the opening of classes early this month, Ada said his school began enforcing a balanced leadership.

"Balanced leadership by McREL has prepared me to implement 'Second Order Change.' In my opinion, this concept is about getting out of mediocrity [old ways] and moving into another level that requires all of us to change to make learning better," he said.

He said he also makes it a point to conduct power walks—a five-minute classroom observation looking at what instructional strategies teachers are using at that moment.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Students of Kagman High School pose after one of their classes on campus during a visit last week. This school year, the school sets a higher bar for student learning.

"We need a lot of these observations to make a holistic sense of what the teaching teams are doing. The next step is to discuss teachers' best practices and share among the team. Fractal plans are small reachable plans in making our campus better. One grave concern is student attendance. We are now paying attention to tardiness and student absenteeism. We want students to be responsible for their attendance and we call parents to inform them if their child is not in any of their class," he said.

These research proven strategies have been studied and have contributed to significant growth in student learning across the nation.

Ada who has nearly 800 students this school year, said the first two weeks of classes at Kagman High went well.

"We were prepared to serve our students. Student schedules were out, orientation had a good turnout and teachers had their syllabus ready on the first day. It has been the best so far," he added.

For his personal goal for this school year, Ada said he wants to be more visible in the school. "Being visible doesn't mean to be 'seen' on the campus hallways. It is about making personal connections with teachers on one-on-one meetings, department level meetings, visiting with parents, participating in student activities on and off campus."

Positive influence

All Kagman High students received the brand new laptops procured by the school system for all middle and high school students this school year.

Ada believes this technology would be a positive influence in student learning.

"Technology will change how we live and how we work. Using laptops will provide a positive influence on students as they access the library and other online resources and it will give CNMI students advanced skill for employment in this information/digital age. In order to compete in the global market, students must know how to communicate, collaborate, analyze, create, innovate and solve problems. These are keys to a stronger economic market for the CNMI," he said, adding that there are many ways students can incorporate the laptops in their lessons.

Elementary Students getting personal attention on school work.

High School students in a study group at Tinian Public Library.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tinian Public Library opens after-school program

Two weeks into the school year and the Tinian Public Library welcomes a daily average of 50 students to its after-school program. The Library dedicates the hours between 2:30pm to 7pm Monday through Thursday for this program.

It provides one-to-one assistance to students covering all content areas: Math, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. The library also provides space for group learning, discussions and projects. With the help of three library staff, two community volunteers and high school students from the AmeriCorp program, the Tinian Public Library is humming with activities focusing on its student community. ***(Balbina M. Perez)***

Bank of Guam Christmas card contest underway

» 4th annual contest open to elementary and middle school students

The Bank of Guam is now accepting entries for its 4th Annual Christmas Card Contest.

With a due date of Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, entries are being accepted from elementary and middle school students throughout Guam, the CNMI, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

"An Island Christmas Wish" is this year's theme. The medium is a 4X6 card entry using watercolors, pastel crayon, colored pencils or acrylic paints only. Prizes as follows:

- First Prize: $250
- Second Prize: $175
- Third Prize: $100

Prizes also to include a gift basket of school supplies.

Contest rules and application are available at all elementary and middle schools, at any Bank of Guam branch or its website www.bankofguam.com.

For additional information, call Kebrina Duenas at 472-5236. ***(BoG)***

NO GOLD

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Tan is not reading from a district playbook or drilling her students in how to take tests. She says she has little patience for the district's rigid curriculum and at times ignores it. That gets her into trouble on occasion with district administrators, who urge teachers to stay on the same pace.

Tan brims with innovative ways to reach limited-English students, handle discipline problems and keep the kids engaged. "I do a lot of singing, games," she said. "It doesn't look like a lesson."

But no one asks for her advice. She says her fellow teachers at Morningside consider her strict, even mean. She tends to keep to herself.

"Nobody tells me that I'm a strong teacher," she says.

That's OK by her, she adds. Year after year, she watches her students make enormous progress and feels a quiet sense of satisfaction.

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Tan's students made strong gains in each of the seven years analyzed by the *Times*. Indeed, she seems to have been pulling students up for a generation.

About 20 years ago, Karina Reyna and her twin sister both had Tan as their first-grade teacher, an experience Reyna still remembers vividly.

The girls had been born in Mexico and entered the U.S. illegally with their parents, neither of whom had graduated from high school. The family lived in a working-class area in San Fernando, where Reyna's father installed carpets.

By first grade, Reyna said, she still didn't speak English. Ms. Tan was determined to change that.

"I really didn't like her," Reyna recalled. "I remember crying every day."

Tan pushed Reyna relentlessly, accepting nothing but her best work. Reyna's English improved, but when she continued to struggle in math, Tan stayed after school to help her catch up.

"Now I recognize it wasn't mean, it was strict," Reyna said. "She was pushing me to do what I was capable of. Maybe she even saw something I didn't see."

Reyna and her sister Daniella stayed in touch with Tan over the years. Tan attended their 15th birthday party and years later Daniella's 2006 graduation from Cal State Northridge, which both sisters attended after becoming U.S. citizens.

"I don't think I'll ever forget her," said Reyna, who works for an insurance company and plans to finish her college degree soon. "Without her, there wouldn't have been somebody saying, 'You have to finish school; you have to go to college.' "

When Reyna learned that her daughter, Jazmin, had been assigned to Tan, she was convinced the girl would thrive.

"I told her, 'She's really strict,'" Reyna recalled. "'You're going to be pushed, but it's going to be good for you.'"

She was right.

Jazmin entered Tan's class in 2007 above grade level in math. By the end of the school year, she had vaulted 74 points to 600 on the state test—a perfect score.

Having just finished fifth grade, Jazmin was recently accepted into a gifted-magnet middle school. Reyna expects her to graduate from college and go into medicine. She hopes her son, a kindergartener, will also be assigned to Tan.

"She pushes kids to be their best," Reyna said.

Tan measures her success in stories like these.

But by the LAUSD's measure, Tam simply "meets standard performance," as virtually all district teachers do—evaluators' only other option is "below standard performance." On a recent evaluation, her principal, Oliver Ramirez, checked off all the appropriate boxes, Tan said—then noted that she had been late to pick up her students from recess three times.

"I threw it away because I got upset," Tan said. "Why don't you focus on my teaching?! Why don't you focus on where my students are?"

Ramirez said he wants to give more recognition to his excellent teachers, but with no objective measure to rely on, he's concerned about ruffling feathers.

"What about the teachers who feel they should have been recognized?" he said. "There'll be a whole mess. The district knows this would open up a can of worms."

"That's why it doesn't happen."

Los Angeles Times *staff writer Doug Smith contributed to this report.*

Life & Style

Lady Gaga fights 'don't ask, don't tell' in Maine

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Lady Gaga visited the state Monday on the eve of a key Senate vote to urge its two U.S. senators to help repeal the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays.

More than 2,000 people attended a rally at Deering Oaks Park, where the Grammy Award-winning singer stood alongside Air Force, Army and Marine veterans who were discharged because of the policy, which prohibits service members from revealing if they're gay and recruiters from asking about people's sexual orientations.

Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga railed against what she called the injustice of having goodhearted gay soldiers booted from military service while straight soldiers who harbor hatred toward gays are allowed to fight for their country. She suggested a new policy should target straight soldiers who are "uncomfortable" with gay soldiers in their midst.

"Our new law is called 'If you don't like it, go home!'" she said.

The rally was organized by Washington-based Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. The organization is trying to pressure Republican Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins of Maine to vote to allow a repeal of the "don't ask" policy, put in place in 1993 by former President Bill Clinton.

The House has approved a defense authorization bill that includes a repeal of the "don't ask" policy. In the Senate, Democrats need 60 votes on Tuesday to cut off debate and proceed to the bill, again putting Snowe and Collins in the role of casting what could be deciding votes.

Collins, who voted for a provision to repeal the "don't ask" policy in the Armed Services Committee in May, said she favors changing the policy but disagrees with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's decision to limit debate on the defense bill and to reject Republican amendments.

Snowe has not decided how she'll vote on Tuesday, a spokesman said Monday.

Speakers at Monday's rally said they wanted to bring their fight to Snowe's and Collins' backyard. Mike Hall, a former Air Force major who was discharged after his superiors found out he's gay, said he was proud when Collins voted in committee to repeal the policy.

"Now it's time for her to do so again," he said.

Lady Gaga, famous for such hits as "Bad Romance," "Paparazzi" and "Poker Face," skipped her trademark outlandish outfits in favor of a black suit and a pair of glasses.

At last week's Video Music Awards ceremony, where she won eight awards, she was escorted by ex-servicemen who were discharged or left the military as the result of the "don't ask" policy. She recently called on Reid to repeal the policy during an interview with talk show host Ellen DeGeneres.

Reid's campaign and Lady Gaga traded talking points on Twitter afterward, and Reid told the singer repealing the measure was the right thing to do.

'Glee' season premiere Tuesday on Fox

By MARY MCNAMARA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—The second season of "Glee" is going to be much harder to pull off than the first.

It's not that the knives are out—although having a special issue of People devoted to the show was truly weird and annoying. It's just that while the glorious and joyful noise of the first season rocked most everyone back on their heels, we're all caught up on the soundtracks and the live shows, Jane Lynch and Ryan Murphy have got their Emmys and now we're looking forward to "Glee's" becoming a real television show.

One with actual story lines instead of narrative transitions for groovy tunes. Characters who develop instead of having convenient revelations just in time for the big numbers, after which they fall back into their cartoonish character outlines. And please, God, no more jokes about Will Schuester's (Matthew Morrison) hair.

Even as "Glee" became an instant cultural landmark, its first season was plagued by many shortcomings. Narratives vacillated between the occasionally sublime (the sweet and lovely relationship between Kurt (Chris Colfer) and his father) and the often ridiculous (Terri's (Jessalyn Gilsig) fake pregnancy). And pesky questions—where are Rachel's fathers? Why doesn't some PTA power mom demand a ban on slushies?—became increasingly loud and frustrating.

Most fans, and critics, chose to focus instead on the many wonders of "Glee," but the long haul, and we all hope "Glee" is in it for the long haul, requires a little less flash and a bit more foundation.

Which the premiere of Season 2 seems to promise. Sort of. Maybe. Certainly the issue of the musical choices—which I, who came of age in the '80s, have written lovingly about—is addressed almost instantly with school gossip blogger Jacob (Josh Sussman) asking Will if he will respond to charges that his playlist resembles a "drag queen's iPod." Everyone's back from summer vacation and up to date. With covers of "Empire State of Mind," "Telephone" and "Billionaire," "Glee" goes straight for the Top 40 set. (Will Ryan Seacrest join the celebrity guest-star ranks?)

More important, story lines are introduced that seem a bit more elastic, if also more traditional, than in the past. Rachel (Lea Michele) and Finn (Cory Monteith) are officially and sweetly together, but both have competition—Finn from multitalented new student Sam (Chord Overstreet) and Rachel from Sunshine, played by YouTube wunderkind Charice Pempengco. Quinn (Dianna Agron) is back and ready to return to the Cheerios, over Santana's (Naya Rivera) newly enhanced dead body, and Tina (Jenna Ushkowitz) has given Artie (Kevin McHale) the shove in favor of last season's dance hottie Mike (Harry Shum Jr.). Tension runs high among the adults as well when Dot Jones shows up as the new pit-bull-in-lipstick football coach, giving Sue a new, and marvelously matched, nemesis.

We, the family, would like to inform all relatives and friends that our beloved

Eileen Olopai Pellegrino

has joined our Creator on Sunday, September 19, 2010.

In her new life she now joins her:

Father: †Abel Rabauliman Olopai
Brothers: †Titus Olopai & †Jude Olopai
Sister: †Helen Olopai

Her memory will live forever in the hearts of:

Spouse: Anthony Pellegrino
Children: Abel Vincenzo, Julian Apollonius, Prunella Leimopi Olopai Pellegrino

Mother: *Carmen Kotomor Olopai*

Sisters and Spouses:

Shirley & Dan Santos (Richly), Delfina & Michael Outland {Carmen (Jenna & Michael), Pfc Christopher}, Irene & Joseph Borja (Xavier & Joshua), Jean & Mark Rabauliman (Sophia Miley), Cyrus Diego Solberg, Carnesia & June Rivera, Alana, Leina, Judith, Jude Jr. & Tatiana Olopai

She will also be missed by Margaret Pellegrino (Andrew & Regina Morishigi)/Mr. Gilbert Ranjo (Tiana & Andrea), Neil & Amy Pellegrino, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

Please join us in our daily 6:00am Mass at Kristo Rai Church from September 20th until September 25th.

On Tuesday, September 21, 2010 the viewing will be at Cabrera Funeral Home from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Last respect for †Eileen will be held at Mount Carmel Cathedral on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 10:00am followed by burial.

THE FAMILY

Arrest warrant issued for Lohan, jail possible

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—A judge issued an arrest warrant Monday for Lindsay Lohan after the actress acknowledged failing a drug test less than a month after she was released from inpatient rehab.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox also revoked Lohan's probation in her three-year-old drug case while issuing the bench warrant in Beverly Hills.

However, the warrant was stayed, and Lohan was allowed to remain free pending a hearing Friday to determine if she violated her probation.

Fox previously threatened the actress with 30 days in jail for each violation. He must now decide whether to send her back to jail or into treatment.

Lohan must attend the hearing. A message left with her attorney Shawn Chapman Holley was not immediately returned.

The warrant was issued after Fox took over the case last month and laid out a path paved with therapy sessions and 12-step meetings that could have finally brought Lohan's drug case to an end.

Lohan confirmed on her Twitter page last week that she failed the court-ordered drug and alcohol screening.

AP

In this July 20, 2010 file photo, Lindsay Lohan listens during a court hearing in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"Regrettably, I did in fact fail my most recent drug test," she tweeted.

She also said, "substance abuse is a disease, which unfortunately doesn't go away over night. I am working hard to overcome it."

Lohan often posts updates with the account that's verified by Twitter as belonging to the actress.

It could not immediately be determined why Lohan was not arrested Monday. A call to Superior Court spokesman Allan Parachini seeking additional details about the warrant was not immediately returned.

Lohan was released from jail on Aug. 2 after serving 14 days of a 90-day sentence for violating her probation in the 2007 case involving drug use and driving under the influence.

Another judge had required her to begin a three-month stint in rehab at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Fox, however, agreed on Aug. 25 to release her from inpatient rehab after reviewing reports by her doctors and medical records from a three-year period.

Despite ordering an intense regimen of counseling and therapy, Fox gave Lohan some incentives to succeed. He dismissed two drug counts to which the actress pleaded guilty in 2007.

Lohan ends NY *lawsuit over* E-Trade *baby ad*

NEW YORK (AP)—Lindsay Lohan's $100 million lawsuit over an E-Trade television commercial is all over, baby.

A Manhattan court filing Monday said the actress has withdrawn her case against the brokerage, which she'd accused of making her the implied target of jokes about a "milkaholic" named Lindsay in a Super Bowl ad this year.

E-Trade Financial Corp. spokeswoman Susan Hickey said the case's end reflected a "simple business decision" for the New York-based firm, but she wouldn't discuss details. Lohan's lawyer, Stephanie Ovadia, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

The brokerage has put out a series of ads featuring adult-voiced babies talking about online trading. In the Super Bowl spot, a baby's infant girlfriend asks suspiciously whether "that milkaholic Lindsay" has paid him a visit.

Another female baby pops into the picture and says in a woozy voice: "Milk-a-what?"

Lohan, 24, has had high-profile trouble with drinking and drug use. The "Mean Girls" and "Freaky Friday" star spent two weeks in jail in California this year for violating her probation in a 2007 case involving drug use and driving under the influence.

A Beverly Hills judge issued an arrest warrant for Lohan on Monday after the actress acknowledged failing a drug test. The warrant was stayed until a hearing Friday to determine whether she violated her probation.

Lohan's lawyer said in court papers filed last month that the E-Trade commercial deliberately referred to Lohan.

"These babies in their commercials were symbolic and were not acting just as cute babies but were actually portraying (Lohan) and her grown-up friends," Ovadia wrote.

E-Trade called Lohan's claims meritless. Lawyers for the company noted in an April court filing that Lohan isn't the world's only Lindsay—or generally associated with online trading or banking.

"No reasonable person would connect (Lohan) with the E-Trade commercials," they wrote.

Paris Hilton pleads in Vegas arrest, avoids jail

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Just a few years ago, Paris Hilton claimed her lawless days were behind her after she served 23 days in jail for violating probation.

These days, however, it's unclear exactly what the celebrity socialite learned from her time behind bars.

Hilton, whose partying brought her worldwide notoriety, acknowledged in a court appearance Monday that she stashed cocaine in her purse and lied to police during her arrest last month at a Las Vegas resort.

Under the terms of a plea deal, the 29-year-old Hilton pleaded guilty to drug possession and obstructing an officer, both misdemeanors. She must serve a year of probation, complete a drug program, pay a $2,000 fine and serve 200 hours of community service.

If she violates her probation, she could get a year in jail.

"Treat this very seriously," Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure cautioned Hilton. "The Clark County Detention Center is not the Waldorf-Astoria."

Hilton's attorney David Chesnoff said she would attend an outpatient substance abuse treatment program.

"I know Ms. Hilton is contrite and accepts the responsibility for her actions," Chesnoff said.

It was Hilton's latest encounter with the law since 2006, when she was arrested in Los Angeles on suspicion of driving under the influence. She later pleaded no contest to alcohol-related reckless driving and was put on probation, which she later violated by driving with a suspended license. Hilton served 23 days in jail because of the violation.

"It was a pretty traumatic experience, something that I really have grown from," Hilton told CNN's Larry King.

In July, she briefly faced a marijuana case after a FIFA World Cup game in South Africa, but the allegation was dropped when a woman who was with her pleaded guilty to carrying the drug.

Hilton was arrested again on Aug. 26 inside the Wynn resort on the Las Vegas Strip. Police said a small bag containing 0.8 of a gram of cocaine fell from her Chanel purse as she reached for a tube of lip balm in front of a police lieutenant.

Hilton told police the purse and cocaine were not hers.

"I asked Hilton whose cocaine it was, and she said she had not seen it but now thought it was gum," Las Vegas police Lt. Dennis Flynn wrote in his report.

AP

Paris Hilton waits for her hearing to start in Clark county court, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, in Las Vegas.

Hilton had been pulled aside by police after her boyfriend, Las Vegas nightclub mogul Cy Waits, 34, failed field sobriety tests given by a motorcycle officer, the report said.

The couple was stopped in a black Cadillac Escalade after the officer smelled what the report called a "vapor trail" of marijuana smoke.

Waits was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A toxicology report is pending.

Hilton was banned from two Wynn resorts after the arrest, and Waits was dismissed as a partner in the venue's nightclub.

At the Las Vegas Justice Court, a gaggle of photographers and onlookers followed Hilton as she climbed into a black Cadillac Escalade after the hearing.

Hilton, wearing a champagne-colored blouse, black pencil skirt and black platform heels, did not address the crowd when she went in or out of court, mouthing "thank you" only after a fan yelled, "You're beautiful, Paris."

Bruno Mars arrested in Las Vegas on cocaine charge

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Rising singer-songwriter Bruno Mars was found with a bag of cocaine in a Las Vegas casino bathroom following a nightclub show over the weekend, police said Monday.

The "Just the Way You Are" crooner was arrested early Sunday after being detained by security at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Mars, whose real name is Peter Hernandez, was found with 2.6 grams of cocaine and booked into county jail on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance, police said. He faces possible felony charges.

An aide to Clark County District Attorney David Roger in Las Vegas said the case was under review and formal charges had not been filed, though Hernandez, 24, was given a court return date of Nov. 18. The office declined further comment.

Hernandez

Hernandez' publicist at Atlantic Records did not immediately return messages seeking comment from The Associated Press. A hotel spokeswoman declined comment. It was not immediately clear whether Hernandez has a lawyer.

An arrest report for Hernandez said a bathroom attendant told police Hernandez was taking a long time in a stall with a bag of a white, powdered substance. The attendant alerted a security guard, who confronted Hernandez as he left the stall. The security guard said he asked Hernandez to hand over any narcotics he had, and Hernandez pulled a bag of cocaine from his left-front jeans pocket.

Hernandez was taken to a holding cell where he was questioned by an arresting officer. When asked what was going on, Hernandez replied: "Can I speak to you honestly, sir?" and said he acted foolishly and had never used drugs before, the arrest report said.

Mars performed a show Saturday night at the Hard Rock's Wasted Space nightclub. The hotel-casino is separate from the restaurant chain with the same name.

"Just the Way You Are" is currently No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. He sang the hooks on B.o.B's "Nothin' on You" and Travie McCoy's "Billionaire"—both chart-toppers—and co-wrote and produced Cee-Lo Green's latest expletive-laden single. Mars' debut album "Doo-Wops & Hooligans," is scheduled for release Oct. 5.

Judge: Jury won't get some charges in Smith drug case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The judge in the Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case, often critical of charges lodged by the prosecution, indicated for the first time Monday he will block some of the charges from going to the jury.

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry told lawyers he was preparing a lengthy written analysis of statutes in the case and would consider motions by the defense next week to dismiss all charges.

However, he told defense lawyers to be prepared to begin their case because "I think there are some charges that will likely survive in some form."

Perry did not specify which charges might be dismissed.

The judge repeatedly has said he did not think the testimony he has heard from prosecution witnesses supported the conspiracy charges.

Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, Dr. Khristine Eroshevich and Smith's boyfriend lawyer Howard K. Stern have pleaded not guilty to providing opiates and sedatives to an addict and other charges.

Perry has also raised questions about the legal definition of addiction. He said he was inclined to tell jurors that an element of the charge of prescribing to an addict must be that the defendant prescribed a drug for non-therapeutic purposes, meaning they were feeding an addiction rather than treating an illness.

In Smith's case, the defense has stressed that she had chronic pain, seizures, migraine headaches, fractured ribs and other complaints that required treatment.

Meanwhile, a pain management testified Monday that Smith's doctors never diagnosed her as a prescription drug addict.

Jennifer Grey is top scorer at 'Dancing' premiere

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Dirty Dancing" star Jennifer Grey was the top scorer at the season premiere of "Dancing With the Stars."

The actress and her professional partner, Derek Hough, performed a Viennese waltz that earned 24 points out of 30 and moved judge Carrie Ann Inaba to tears. Singer Brandy and Disney Channel star Kyle Massey tied for second place with 23 points.

Comedian Margaret Cho, reality star Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and actor-singer David Hasselhoff tied for last place with 15 points each.

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which celebrity is eliminated each week. The first contestant of the new season will be dismissed during Tuesday's show.

Other contestants in the hit ABC show's 11th season are actress Florence Henderson; athletes Rick Fox and Kurt Warner; reality star Audrina Patridge; singer Michael Bolton; and political daughter Bristol Palin.

AP

In this publicity image released by ABC, Jennifer Grey, right, and her partner Derek Hough rehearse for "Dancing with the Stars."

Calif. charter schools get $1M nod on 'Oprah'

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—An Oakland nonprofit that operates 30 charter schools in California is being recognized with a $1 million donation from Oprah Winfrey's Angel Foundation.

Aspire Public Schools was one of six public school reform groups honored with grants from the talk show host Monday.

The charter school network serves nearly 10,000 students in East Palo Alto, Modesto, Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento and Los Angeles.

The gift came during a show Winfrey devoted to a new documentary about public education called "Waiting for Superman."

Summit Preparatory Charter High School in Redwood City, one of the schools featured in the film, also was singled out for praise on Monday's "Oprah."

The other charter networks that received grants are in Philadelphia, Chicago, Houston, Denver and New Orleans.

Kelly McGillis joins girlfriend in civil union

COLLINGSWOOD, New Jersey (AP)—Actress Kelly McGillis has been joined in a civil union with her girlfriend in New Jersey.

McGillis and Melanie Leis' civil union was performed in municipal court in Collingswood on Sept. 15.

McGillis, 53, starred in the movies "Witness," ''Top Gun" and "The Accused" in the 1980s.

Her civil union partner is an executive with Independence Communications, a company that provides Muzak to businesses. The New York Times first reported their civil union.

McGillis, who lives in Collingswood, came out as a lesbian last year in an interview with SheWired.com. She has been married and divorced twice before and has two daughters.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Jackson estate licenses virtual 'Planet Michael'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The man who made the moonwalk famous is getting a planet of his own. The Michael Jackson estate has entered a licensing deal with a Los Angeles company to create an online virtual world based called "Planet Michael." The planet will live inside the Entropia Universe, a so-called "massively multiplayer online" game with about 100,000 active users. It is run by the Swedish company Mind Ark. The estate will work with game publisher SEE Virtual Worlds to develop the game for release in 2011. In it, fans will be able to collect and trade virtual Jackson merchandise, and earn credits by performing challenges related to his music and dance moves. As in other virtual worlds, players who want to buy more credits can replenish their game accounts using real money.

Ex-supermodel reconciles with billionaire husband

MIDDLETOWN, Connecticut (AP)—Former supermodel Stephanie Seymour and her billionaire husband, Peter Brant, have decided to reconcile. Court records show Seymour and Brant withdrew divorce complaints Monday in Connecticut Superior Court. Seymour and Brant issued a joint statement to the media saying they were reconciling and asking that their privacy be respected. The 42-year-old Seymour became famous as a model for Victoria's Secret and "Sports Illustrated." She dated rocker Axl Rose and was in a pair of Guns N' Roses music videos prior to meeting Brant. Seymour has been married to the 63-year-old Brant, a newsprint magnate, for 15 years. They have three children. The reconciliation was announced as divorce proceedings were set to get started in Middletown on Monday.

Jerry Garcia's Calif. home for sale for $4 million

NICASIO, Calif. (AP)—Would-be home buyers now have a chance to taste the high life, Grateful Dead-style: Jerry Garcia's house is for sale. The 11-acre estate in rural Marin County, north of San Francisco, was the bandleader's last home before he died of a heart attack in 1995 at age 53. The sellers are asking just shy of $4 million for the 7,000-square-foot Mediterranean-style home and surrounding grounds. The real estate listing describes amenities such as a 1,500-square-foot artist's studio, a solar-heated pool and an organic garden. The estate has 300-degree views that span the Berkeley skyline to the Pacific Ocean. In recent years, a man who bought the house and renovated it shortly after Garcia's death sold many of the fixtures—including the guitarist's toilet—to raise money for charity.

Michael Douglas attends NYC 'Wall Street' premiere

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Douglas has channeled the confidence of ruthless corporate raider Gordon Gekko while walking the red carpet at the New York City premiere of his latest film, "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps." The Academy Award-winning actor recently announced he's being treated for throat cancer. He posed for photos Monday night with co-stars including Shia LaBeouf (SHY'-uh luh-BUF') and Carey Mulligan and director Oliver Stone. He didn't give interviews. LaBeouf calls the 65-year-old Douglas a "wolf." He notes Douglas showed no signs of weakness while making the "Wall Street" sequel, which opens Friday. Stone says "It's a struggle" and "it's tough" but Douglas is "fighting." Stone also directed the original "Wall Street" in 1987. The movie featured Charlie Sheen as a stockbroker hungry for success. Douglas won an Oscar for playing Gekko.

Rock Hall celebrates John Lennon's birthday

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is celebrating what would have been John Lennon's 70th birthday with a weekend-long homage to the Beatles. The Rock Hall, in Cleveland, will honor Lennon's life in a series of events from Oct. 8 through Oct. 10. The events will include the dedication of a time capsule containing Lennon's post-Beatles recordings and fan contributions, special tours of the Beatles exhibit, and film reel highlights from the Beatles' and Lennon's inductions into the Hall of Fame. Throughout the weekend, fans will be invited to sign a large birthday card expressing their wishes for the world. Lennon was born Oct. 9, 1940. He was killed in 1980 outside his Manhattan apartment building.

Lynn Nottage wins theater's richest prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Playwright Lynn Nottage better make room on her mantle—and bank account. The Pulitzer Prize-winning writer of such plays as "Ruined" and "Intimate Apparel" has won the 2010 Steinberg Distinguished Playwright Award. With a $200,000 award, it is America's richest theater prize. The award honors the artistic achievement of an American playwright whose body of work has made significant contributions to the American theater. The award is presented every other year. It previously went to Tony Kushner in 2008. David Emmes, who advised the Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust in their pick, noted Nottage's "unique ability to balance lyricism and unflinching honesty."

Secret to good conversation is to show interest in others

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old male who finds it awkward talking to women my age. I do OK approaching older women for conversation, but become tongue-tied with someone under 25. I would like to meet someone special and develop a relationship with her, but at this rate it's not going to happen anytime soon.

I am told by friends and family that I'm handsome, charming and have a good sense of humor. There will be holiday parties coming up soon, and my friends will be inviting some new people. How can I learn to strike up a conversation? I'm having a real problem here.

H.P. IN MIAMI BEACH

DEAR H.P.: Not everyone is born with the gift of gab. In fact, most people aren't. But a smile will tell others that you're approachable. It's the universal way of saying, "I'm friendly." If you want to get to know someone, walk over and say, "Hi, I'm 'Hal'—what's your name?" Introducing yourself isn't being pushy. It's being friendly.

As I say in my booklet "How to Be Popular," the surest cure for shyness is to forget yourself and concentrate on the other person. Everyone can be charming. Charm is putting the other person at ease, making him or her feel comfortable and important.

Believe it or not, being a good listener will do more for you than being a good talker. Give people a chance to talk about themselves, and they'll think YOU'RE a great conversationalist. But, when asking questions as a means to get the other person talking, take care that your questions are tactful, discreet and not too personal.

Stay current on what's going on in the world and in the headlines. The more informed you are, the better company you will be. But don't be a know-it-all. People who come off like they're an authority on everything are about as welcome as a skunk at a garden party. That's not to say it pays to be ignorant; rather that the know-it-alls make those of us who are just average feel insecure and uncomfortable.

When talking to people, look them in the eye. And when you're being spoken to, focus your attention on the person who's addressing you. Nothing turns people off quicker than trying to carry on a conversation with someone whose eyes are constantly wandering—to see who just came in or who else is in the room.

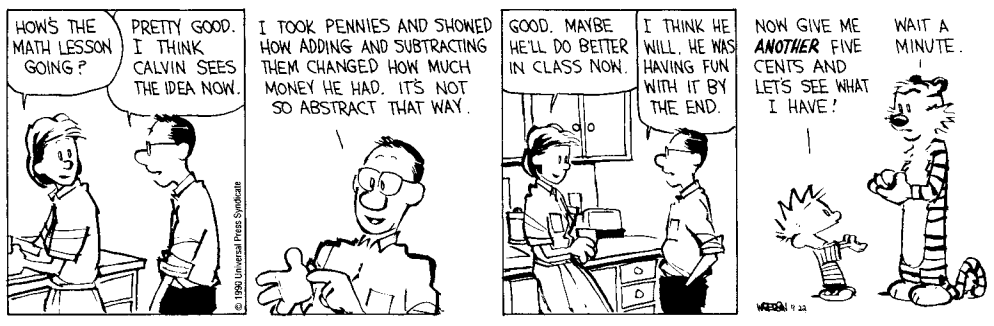
I offer many more tips on how to be socially successful in my booklet, which can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. And remember, a good conversationalist doesn't brag, and doesn't constantly put himself down. A good conversationalist is an upper. Find something positive to say. Be open and listen to other people's viewpoints. And don't have a stiff drink for "courage" because it loosens the tongue and can cause a social disaster.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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GOOD. MAYBE HE'LL DO BETTER IN CLASS NOW.
I THINK HE WILL. HE WAS HAVING FUN WITH IT BY THE END.
NOW GIVE ME ANOTHER FIVE CENTS AND LET'S SEE WHAT I HAVE!
WAIT A MINUTE.
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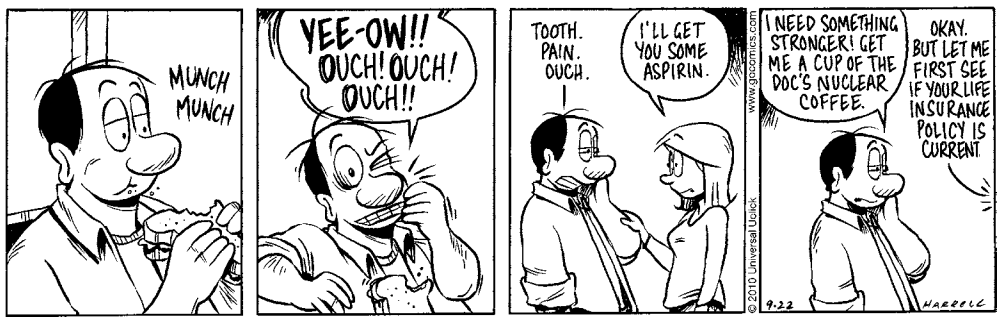
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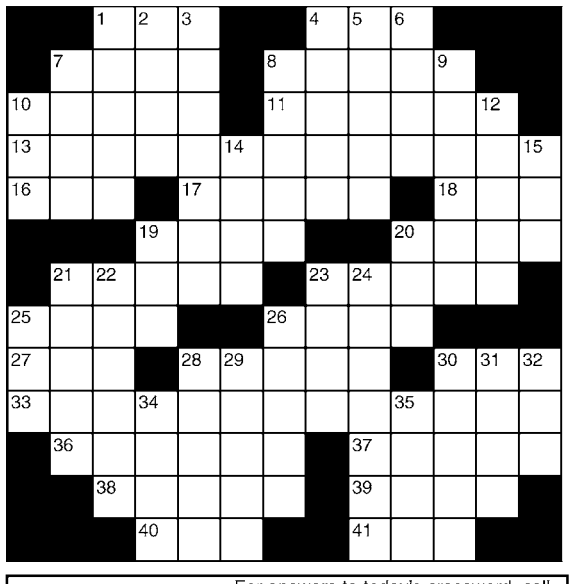

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bonnie Hunt, 49; Scott Baio, 49; Andrea Bocelli, 52; Joan Jett, 52

Happy Birthday: Give way to your entrepreneurial side and develop and present what you have to offer. Creativity will be the big draw this year and will lead to the changes you want for your professional, personal and financial lives. Getting in touch with people from your past who can contribute to what you are trying to do now will make your life easier and your progress faster. Your numbers are 5, 11, 19, 23, 27, 35, 41

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): There will be plenty of temptations. Jumping into something or getting involved with someone without a well thought out plan will cost you financially and use up valuable time. Instead, produce something that will utilize your skills and increase your income. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): It's your participation that will lead to greater opportunities and a challenge that will enhance what you can already do. What you achieve will be directly linked to your willingness to push for what you want. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't trust anyone with a job you promised to do yourself. You will be held responsible and it could cost you money and your reputation. Discipline and hard work will be the only way to maintain what you have worked so hard to achieve. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Start making changes you've been considering. Thinking about it and doing it are not the same thing. Believe in your abilities. It's time to get serious about what you have to offer. Love is in the stars and an evening of celebration is in order. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your emphasis should be on enhancing your surroundings as well as your relationships. By sharing your ideas and plans, you will find a suitable partner for an endeavor you want to get off the ground. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Good fortune is coming to you through the people you meet and the opportunities offered. Pull together your knowledge and your talents. A relationship will add to your success personally or professionally. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Someone trying to overpower you or control your choices will stifle you. It will be important to ensure you aren't pushed in a direction that is not beneficial to your advancement. Stick to your own plans. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You have more going for you than you realize, so utilize your knowledge and experience. It's up to you to unveil what you've been working on for so long. Present and promote and you will get the response you need to advance. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Keep a lid on your thoughts. Someone you live or work with will misinterpret what you are trying to say. Problems at home will surface if you try to force unreasonable changes. Offer your help to others. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): If you want something, go after it. Your hard work will bring you new respect and the help needed to finish what you start. You will be the one controlling who gets what, making you popular. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Recognize why things haven't worked out in the past and you will spare yourself future grief and upset. Focus more on what you have to offer. Life is simple, so don't waste time making it so complex. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You have some great plans that, when completed, will change the way you live your life. There is money to be made. A partnership will lead to serious accomplishments and greater income. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are charming, gracious, loyal and giving. You are responsible, intelligent and empathetic and adapt well to change.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Saints defense shines as New Orleans beats 49ers

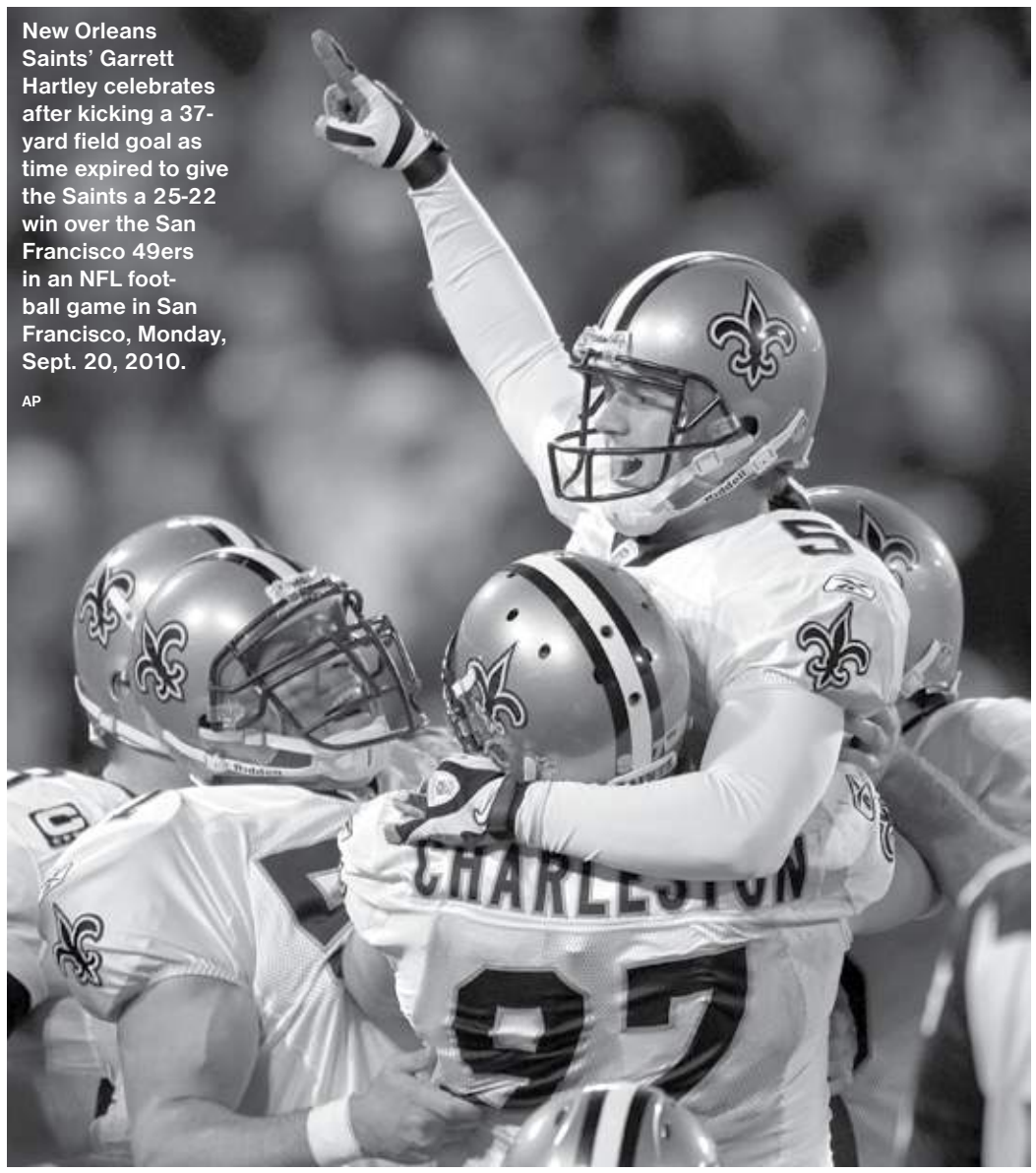
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Last season, the New Orleans Saints won their games with a high-flying offense. So far this year it's been all about defense.

Garrett Hartley kicked a 37-yard field goal that barely fluttered through as time expired after Drew Brees set it up with a 30-yard completion to Marques Colston and the Saints spoiled the San Francisco 49ers' home opener with a 25-22 victory Monday night.

San Francisco's Frank Gore ran for a 7-yard touchdown with 1:19 to play and Vernon Davis made a close-call catch at the goal line for the tying 2-point conversion. The play was initially called no good, but the 49ers (0-2) challenged the ruling and won.

The defending Super Bowl champion Saints (2-0), who relied on their defense most of the game, got the ball back at the 30 with 1:14 left and the wind at their back. Brees hit Colston with a pass that put the Saints on the 18 with 18 seconds left. The 49ers watched anxiously as Hartley's kick just made it.

"We've stayed with the mindset we are the hunter, not the hunted," Brees said moments after the thrilling finish.



New Orleans Saints' Garrett Hartley celebrates after kicking a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give the Saints a 25-22 win over the San Francisco 49ers in an NFL football game in San Francisco, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

AP

Reggie Bush caught a 6-yard TD pass in his first game since giving back his 2005 Heisman Trophy won while with Southern California. The NCAA punished USC after concluding that Bush and his family took money and gifts from sports agents while Bush played for the Trojans. Bush was helped off the field with a right leg injury with 6:58 left and then was taken to the locker room on a cart. No information was given on the severity of the injury.

"Everybody is giving us their A game," Bush said. "Everybody is giving us their best shot. We're just finding ways to win. That's all we can do is find ways to win. We can't be down about a win like this. This is a great win against a physical team, a tough team. They came out and gave us their best shot. We still found a way to win. That's what champions do, find ways to win no matter what."

Brees hit David Thomas for a 3-yard score that put New Orleans ahead late in the third quarter and Tracy Porter's interception at the 10-yard line preserved the lead until Gore's late run.

"They played really well," Brees said. "You've got take your hat off to them, they played hard."

San Francisco outgained the Saints in yards 417-287 but beat itself with turnovers.

Roman Harper intercepted a pass by Alex Smith at the 26 in the first quarter. Malcolm Jenkins recovered Delanie Walker's fumble at the 3 just before halftime as the Niners failed to capitalize on opportunities.

"We came in with the mindset that we were going to win the turnover battle, and we did that decisively," Saints coach Sean Payton said.

On a festive evening at Candlestick Park in which the 49ers retired Hall of Famer Jerry Rice's No. 80 jersey at halftime, the Niners looked little like the championship teams Rice starred on in the 1980s and 90s.

Gore provided the highlight, running for 112 yards and catching a 12-yard touchdown pass from Smith.

New Orleans' defense shined for the second straight game in the national spotlight, the Saints' first game since kicking off the NFL season in prime time on Sept. 9 with a 14-9 victory over the Vikings. The inconsistent Saints offense looked far from top form but still found a way to beat the Niners for the sixth straight time.

San Francisco helped out by committing the three turnovers and snapping a ball out of the end zone for a safety on the opening series.

New Orleans is 2-0 in consecutive seasons for the first time in franchise history.

Brees calmly directed New Orleans into the end zone in its first drive just as he did in the team's initial series in the opener. Brees—who took time to sign autographs on the sideline before dressing for the game—capped the seven-play, 46-yard drive by hitting a wide-open Bush, who pointed to the crowd and then saluted.

Brees completed 28 of 38 passes for 254 yards, eight of those completions to Pierre Thomas.

49ers coach Mike Singletary said during the week, "We will stop Drew Brees."

Hartley also kicked fourth-quarter field goals of 46 and 19 yards for the Saints, who have a quick turnaround heading into their NFC South matchup Sunday with the Falcons. Atlanta is coming off a commanding 41-7 win against Arizona.

Smith was 23 of 32 for 275 yards with two interceptions.

The 49ers finally reached the end zone for their first touchdown of the season at the 9:52 mark of the second quarter when Smith connected with Gore. But there were few such moments because of all the mistakes—many of the same things that hurt San Francisco in an embarrassing 31-6 loss at Seattle.

On the safety, fill-in center David Baas snapped the ball high over Smith's head. The 49ers were booed by the sellout home crowd after going three-and-out in their next series. Smith was intercepted by Harper the next time San Francisco had the ball, which came off Gore's right hand before the pick.

The Niners didn't appear to have the same communication problems that plagued them against the Seahawks. There were issues with getting the plays into Smith on time before his headset cut out with 15 seconds left on the play clock.

Singletary and offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye spent the week trying to fix the problem, with Raye taking blame and committing to make things right. While moving Raye down to the field was discussed, he stayed put in the booth to call the plays and Smith wore a wristband with go-to plays in case the issues came up again.

Sheriff: Broncos' Kenny McKinley found dead

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley was found dead in his home Monday in an apparent suicide.

Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson said authorities were called to McKinley's home in Centennial at 3:35 p.m. local time and found his body in the second-floor master bedroom. He said detectives believe McKinley, 23, was killed by a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Robinson said authorities were called by a female friend of McKinley's who discovered the body after returning from an errand with his child. The sheriff declined to say if authorities found a suicide note.

"It's still part of our investigation and probably nothing we'll talk about right now," he said.

McKinley's death is the latest in a series of tragedies for the Broncos in recent years. Cornerback Darrent Williams was slain in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day 2007 and three months later backup running back Damien Nash collapsed and died after a charity basketball game in St. Louis.

"Everyone with the Broncos is shocked and saddened by the loss of Kenny McKinley," team owner Pat Bowlen said in a statement. "He was part of the Broncos' family and will be greatly missed by our organization. My most heartfelt condolences go out to Kenny's family and friends."

The Broncos said coach Josh McDaniels would meet with the media on Tuesday.

In a statement, McDaniels said: "Kenny had a promising future on the football field, but more importantly, he was a great teammate whose smile and personality could light up the room. This is a tragic loss for our football team, and his family is in all of our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time."

McKinley was a second-year pro who was on the team's injured reserve list. He played in eight games as a rookie in 2009 with seven kick returns for 158 yards before going on injured reserve with a left knee injury on Dec. 29.

He recovered and participated in the team's offseason workouts but got hurt again during the first week of training camp and was placed on IR with a different left knee injury on Aug. 5.

McKinley was a fifth-round draft choice out of South Carolina in 2009. He attended South Cobb High School in Austell, Ga.

McKinley remains South Carolina's all-time leading receiver with 207 catches for 2,781 yards. He came back to the school earlier this month, watched the Gamecocks beat Georgia 17-6 and visited with his college coach, Steve Spurrier.

"Had a wonderful smile just like he always did," Spurrier said.

The news of McKinley's death spread quickly at the end of South Carolina's practice Monday. Players who normally sprint off the field upbeat walked slowly with their heads down.

"Kenny was certainly one of my all-time favorite players. It's hard to figure out why it happened like this," Spurrier said.

Several Broncos players were attending a fundraiser Monday night in honor of Williams.

Cornerback Champ Bailey and former NFL star John Lynch headlined the wine-tasting VIP event to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver, home of the Darrent Williams Memorial Teen Center.

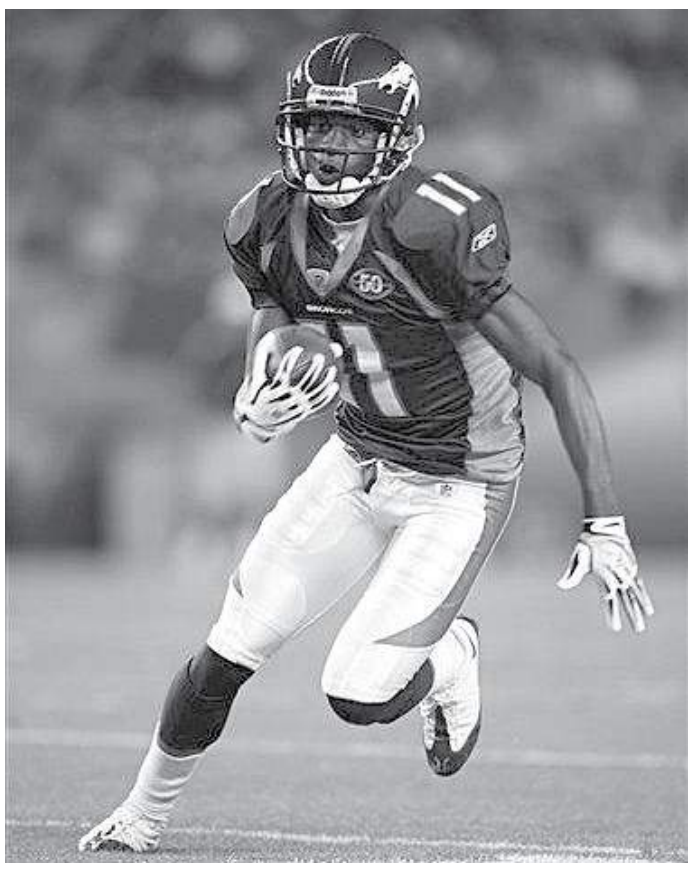
Bailey told The Associated Press last week that it was an opportunity for fans and friends to celebrate the life of the player they called D-Will, especially after so much attention was focused on the trial earlier this year in which Willie Clark, 26, was convicted of first-degree murder of Williams after a confrontation at a nightclub. Clark was sentenced in April to life in prison plus 1,152 years.

"It's time to remember the way D-Will lived and not the way he died," Bailey said last week.

The Broncos, who beat Seattle 31-14 on Sunday, hustled out of their Dove Valley practice facilities Monday night, many of them headed to the charity event unaware of the latest tragedy to befall the franchise.

Players leaving the event said they didn't want to comment on McKinley's death.

At McKinley's home in a suburban division in the southern Denver suburbs, a bouquet of flowers wrapped in purple was propped against the door Monday night.



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In this Sept. 3, 2009, photo, Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley runs during a preseason NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals in Denver.

Jeter helps Yankees to 'monumental' win over Rays

NEW YORK (AP)—Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees helped honor George Steinbrenner with a monumental win on Monday night.

After the Yankees unveiled a huge monument to their late owner Steinbrenner, Jeter singled home the go-ahead run in the sixth inning. Curtis Granderson followed with his second home run of the night, a three-run drive that helped New York to an 8-6 victory over the second-place Tampa Bay Rays in a key AL East matchup.

Winning the opener of a four-game series that started its final homestand, New York (91-59) opened a 1 1/2-game lead over the Rays (89-60).

After Tampa rallied from a four-run deficit, Jeter's hit off Matt Garza (14-9) followed Brett Gardner's leadoff infield single and Francisco Cervelli's hit-and-run single through the vacated hole at shortstop. With New York ahead 5-4, Granderson greeted Grant Balfour with a three-run homer.

Chad Gaudin (1-4) won in relief of rookie Ivan Nova.

AP

New York Yankees' Francisco Cervelli (29) and Derek Jeter, center, celebrate with Curtis Granderson after they scored on Granderson's sixth-inning, three-run home run off Tampa Bay Rays reliever Grant Balfour in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

Twins 9, Indians 3

At Minneapolis, Danny Valencia and Michael Cuddyer hit home runs and Brian Duensing got his 10th win for the Twins.

The victory cut the Twins' magic number for winning the AL Central to three. Chicago, which is in second place, played later at Oakland.

Cuddyer's two-run shot capped the Twins' four-run sixth after the Indians had closed within 4-3 in the top of the inning.

Duensing (10-2) has allowed three runs or fewer in 10 of 11 starts this season.

Jeanmar Gomez (3-5) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings, is winless in his last six starts.

Orioles 4, Red Sox 2

At Boston, Ty Wigginton had a tiebreaking sacrifice fly and Luke Scott followed with an RBI single in the seventh inning, lifting Baltimore over the Red Sox.

The Orioles, rejuvenated since Buck Showalter took over as manager Aug. 3, won for the 11th time 15 games. Baltimore won for just the fourth time in their last 21 games in Fenway Park.

David Hernandez (8-8) worked two innings of relief for the win.

Daisuke Matsuzaka (9-6) pitched 6 1-3 innings, allowing four runs, six hits, walking five and striking out four.

Tigers 7, Royals 5

At Detroit, Will Rhymes hit his first major league homer and Alex Avila drove in three runs and made a spectacular defensive play to lead the Tigers past Kansas City.

Detroit trailed 5-4 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, then took the lead on Rhymes' two-run homer off Zack Greinke (9-13).

Yuniesky Betancourt matched a career high with four hits for Kansas City, including a three-run homer.

Brad Thomas (6-2) earned the win with 1 2-3 innings of shutout relief. Tigers starter Rick Porcello gave up five runs and 12 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Athletics 3, White Sox 0

At Oakland, Chris Carter finally got his first major league hit as the Oakland Athletics sent the White Sox to their seventh straight loss.

Kurt Suzuki had three hits and two RBIs as the A's won their third in four games. Daric Barton also drove in a run.

Andruw Jones doubled and singled for the White Sox, who matched their longest losing streak since April 28 to May 5, 2008.

Chicago is on the brink of being eliminated from the AL Central race. The White Sox fell 11 games behind the first-place Minnesota Twins, who can clinch their second consecutive division title Tuesday night with a win over Cleveland and a Chicago loss in Oakland.

Angels 7, Rangers 4

At Anaheim, Torii Hunter drove in two runs to back Jered Weaver's solid pitching as the Los Angeles Angels won, keeping the Rangers' magic number at six for clinching their first AL West title since 1999.

Weaver (13-11) allowed two runs and nine hits over 6 2-3 innings. Despite his won-lost record, which has been undermined by a severe lack of run support, the right-hander is having his best season statistically. Weaver has a 2.99 ERA and 220 strikeouts, second-most in the majors behind Felix Hernandez (222).

Phillies 3, Braves 1

At Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of an error by right fielder Jason Heyward to beat the Atlanta Braves, increasing their lead in the NL East to four games.

The two-time defending NL champions won their eighth straight game and improved to 42-15 since July 21, when they trailed the Braves by seven games.

Cole Hamels (12-10) allowed one run and six hits, striking out six in eight innings to win his fifth straight start—a career best. Brad Lidge finished for his 24th save in 29 chances.

Brandon Beachy (0-1) gave up three runs—one earned—and four hits in 4 1-3 innings in his major league debut. He was a late fill-in for Jair Jurrjens, still nursing a sore right knee.

The 24-year-old right-hander was at the Braves' instructional league program in Florida when he got the call to join the team.

Marlins 4, Cardinals 0

At Miami, Chris Volstad threw a five-hitter for his second career shutout and Brad Davis hit a grand slam off Chris Carpenter as Florida dealt St. Louis' dimming playoff hopes a blow.

The game was a makeup following a rainout on Aug. 8, and the teams needed only 1 hour, 52 minutes to finish—it was the fastest game in Marlins' history, by 2 minutes.

Davis' first career slam—the first by a Marlins catcher—came in the second inning, the first allowed by Carpenter (15-8) in 3,699 at-bats since June 12, 2004.

Volstad (10-9) struck out three for the Marlins, who lost the first six games of their current homestand.

The Cardinals are 12-23 since Aug. 13.

Astros 8, Nationals 2

At Washington, Humberto Quintero and Geoff Blum each homered in a seven-run fifth inning, while Bud Norris won for the seventh time in eight decisions as Houston beat the mistake-prone Washington.

Norris (9-8) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. The Astros are 10-1 in his last 11 starts, with Norris going 7-1 with a 3.52 ERA during that span.

Houston has won six of eight. Washington lost its fourth straight.

The Nationals committed three errors leading to four unearned runs in the fifth, when the Astros erased Washington's 2-1 lead with their highest-scoring inning of the season.

Quintero's two-run homer and Blum's three-run drive both came off Livan Hernandez (10-12).

The game drew 10,999, the smallest crowd in Washington, D.C., since the Montreal Expos relocated before the 2005 season.

Reds 5, Brewers 2

At Milwaukee, Joey Votto and Scott Rolen homered on back-to-back pitches in the eighth inning to break open a tied game and lead the Cincinnati Reds to victory.

The Reds widened their lead in the National League Central to seven games over the St. Louis Cardinals, who lost 4-0 to the Florida Marlins on Monday. Cincinnati's magic number for clinching their first NL Central title since 1995 is six.

Cincinnati's Francisco Cordero pitched a perfect ninth for his 37th save in 45 chances.

Yankees unveil monument to George Steinbrenner

NEW YORK (AP)—George Steinbrenner is now truly the biggest of the Yankees greats—as measured in Monument Park.

The colorful and combative owner was honored with the largest tribute in the team's storied area of remembrance behind the center-field fence. His 7-by-5-foot, 760-pound monument of bronze atop a granite base was unveiled during a solemn ceremony Monday night attended by many of the stars he had feuded with and fawned over during his 37 1/2-year tenure.

"It's big," Derek Jeter said. "Probably just how The Boss wanted it. The biggest one out there."

Jeter was asked whether Steinbrenner would have liked that.

"No question," the Yankees captain answered. "It probably was his idea."

Former manager Joe Torre came to Steinbrenner's $1.6 billion new Yankee Stadium for the first time, as did former captain Don Mattingly, and Torre reconciled with general manager Brian Cashman. Steinbrenner's daughters had tears in their eyes and his widow Joan unveiled the monument after being accompanied from home plate in a golf cart by baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

"Do I think George should be in the Hall of Fame? Of course I do," Selig said. "He changed the sport in a lot of ways."

Steinbrenner died July 13 at age 80 after several years of declining health. The tribute came before the first-place Yankees opened a key series with an 8-6 win over second-place Tampa Bay, the team of his adopted hometown.

New York's tribute to Steinbrenner, titled "The Boss," is behind a quintet of 2-by-3-foot monuments honoring manager Miller Huggins (unveiled in 1932), Lou Gehrig (1941), Babe Ruth (1949), Mickey Mantle (1996) and Joe DiMaggio (1999). The other monument, to the victims and rescue workers of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, is on the left-field side of the area.

"A true visionary who changed the game of baseball forever," the monument reads. "He was considered the most influential owner in all of sports. In 37 years as principal owner, the Yankees posted a major league-best .566 winning percentage, while winning 11 American League pennants and seven World Series titles, becoming the most recognizable sports brand in the world.

"A devoted sportsman, he was vice president of the United States Olympic Committee, a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame's board of directors and a member of the NCAA Foundation board of trustees. A great philanthropist whose charitable efforts were mostly performed without fanfare, he followed a personal motto of the greatest form of charity is anonymity."

The entire team, led by Alex Rodriguez and manager Joe Girardi, walked from the dugout and up steps in center field, with Torre and Mattingly among those trailing in business attire.

"It was definitely one of those pretty cool moments to be a part of," Andy Pettitte said. "Another special moment for this franchise, and another special moment here in this new ballpark."

They were joined by Hall of Famers Yogi Berra and Reggie Jackson, Steinbrenner's two sons and two daughters.

After the monument was unveiled, David Wells walked by and touched it. Mariano Rivera leaned forward, looked ahead and contemplated. With a crowd looking on that included Donald Trump, Torre received the loudest cheers as he was shown three times on the giant videoboard, and Mattingly—who will succeed Torre next season as Los Angeles Dodgers manager - got the second-loudest applause.

"George is responsible for really the best years of my life professionally," said Torre, who managed the Yankees to four of their seven World Series titles under Steinbrenner. "Did we get along all the time? No. But it never lasted very long that we, you know, disagreed."

Mattingly recalled how Steinbrenner dispatched a plane to Indiana for him when the first baseman's back ailed. General manager Brian Cashman remembered how Steinbrenner's mere presence upped the tension at old Yankee Stadium.

"Before text messages, Internet, cell phones and things of that nature, you didn't know what his travel schedule was. He liked to surprise people all the time," Cashman said. "You'd walk into that facility, and you could feel within two steps into the lobby that The Boss was here. Some people say in the parking lot you could feel it."

Without Steinbrenner, the Yankees' culture has changed.

"He was the ticket director, the marketing manager, the general manager, the manager in the dugout, the stadium operations guy," Cashman said. "He ran everything, and he told everybody what to do. He was the department head of it all. And now you need I can't tell you how many people to replace him."

Sheryl Jones wins CWGA September tourney

Sherlyn Jones' net score of 70 topped a field of 19 golfers in the CNMI Women's Golf Association Monthly Tournament held at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort last Sept. 11.

Jones recorded a 44 on the front nine and finished stronger after the turn with a 41 for a gross score of 85. Her handicap of 15 gave her the day's lowest net of the day.

Gil Ah Kim finished second with a gross score of 84, but her 13-handicap gave her a net score of 71 and she fell just short of the victory.

Moreover, Noriko Togawa shot an impressive 40 on the front nine and an even better 37 on the back half to give her a gross score of 77, but with only a 4-handicap, it proved tough for her to secure the win and she settled for third with a net card of 73.

Similarly, fourth place finisher Shiori Onoue tallied a 40 on the front with a 39 on the back nine to gross a 79, but ended up with a 74 after her 5-handicap adjustment.

Other CWGA golfers who took part in the September competition, with their scores in parenthesis, were as follows: Xiao Ling Wang (74), Bobbie Guererro (77), Seon Ha Jeong (77), Kimiko Abe (78), Masayo Miyamoto (79), Bennett Seman (79), Kim Yang (79), Young Im Jeon (79), Eun Ae Chang (80), Ky A Yang (88), Lorraine Babauta (81), Kyung Seo Ran (81), Terry Tudela (84), and Hiromi Sawda (91). Sun Suk Kim scored a gross of 75. ***(Walter Sutherland)***

Members of the CNMI Women's Golf Association pose for a photo after the conclusion of their monthly tournament held at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort last Sept. 11.

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titions and programs. I certainly hope that they will make the most of it," Northern Marianas Athletics president Ray Tebuteb said.

The five-day tournament in the Land Down Under is the same event the CNMI hosted in 2008. Rangamar joined the area championship held here two years ago and she won a bronze medal in the heptathlon event, which teammate Jacque Wonenberg topped to give the CNMI its first gold medal in the biennial meet.

Overall, the Commonwealth won one gold medal, six silver, and nine bronze in the 2008 regional championship. New Zealand topped the medal board in 2008 with its 17 gold medals, 10 silver, and six bronze.

Rangamar gained another chance to represent the CNMI in the Oceania Championship after her notable performance in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau in August. Sapong, Ichihara, Dillay, and Philip also earned trips to Cairns, following their significant improvements in local meets and in the Micro Games.

"These young athletes have been consistent with their performances in local tournaments and they have been training hard in the past several months. It is critically important that the exposure and opportunities they gained at this event (Oceania) be shared with other much younger and aspiring athletes in the CNMI," Tebuteb added.

Tebuteb added competing in Cairns will give CNMI athletes a chance to gauge how far they should go to equal if not surpass the performance of their counterparts.

Rangamar will be participating in three events—the long jump, javelin throw, and discus. Dillay will join the 800m and 1,500m races, while Sapong will race in the 400m and 800m events. Ichihara and Philip will both do the 100m and 200m races and the long jump event.

Rangamar's javelin throw and Sapong's 400m race are scheduled for tomorrow, while Dillay will also debut on Thursday in the 800m run. The U20 discuss and long jump are set for Friday, while the 1,500m, 200m, and 100m runs are slated for Saturday.

Before their respective events, the CNMI team, which is accompanied by Micronesian representative Robin Sapong, will attend today's opening ceremony at 5:30pm at Rydges Esplanade Resort in Cairns.

The traditional parade of teams and performances from the local organizing committee will be some of the highlights in the opening rites.

"The local organizing committee have done a great job in putting the Championships together, they are ahead of schedule with all of the organization and everything looks ready to go. The only thing that the LOC has no control over is the weather and we are hoping that it will clear up as the week goes on," Oceania Athletics Association executive director Yvonne Mullins was quoted as saying in the OAA website.

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Ji came in third place with a time of 20:43.

In the women's division, this year's defending champion is Suzy Kindel, who submitted 24:19 to top Tatiana Cho (27:36) and Melanie Daly (27:54) in the 9th edition of the annual race.

Michael Jones topped the kids division in the long course with a time of 57:59, while Edward Cho and Lennosuke were the Top 2 finishers in the short course (3K) after clocking in 16:33 and 19:10, respectively.

Last year's race drew 111 participants with the first half of finishers soaked with rain water as there was heavy downpour about 20 minutes after runners left Banzai Cliff.

SIS office manager Mili Saiki is inviting running enthusiast to join this weekend's race, as proceeds from the event will be used for the various projects and activities of the As Lito school.

For more information, contact Saiki at 288-9660.

CABALEN

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ters division.

Guiang led all scorers with his 23 points, making 17 of them in the second half. Diaz chipped in 22, drilling 12 in the second half, while Guiab and Santos contributed 18 and 14, respectively.

The rained-out match played first on Aug. 31 resumed with Wings Travel on top by 11, 46-35, with 2:50 left in the second quarter.

VisMinda then had a 9-0 windup to trim the lead to a deuce at halftime, 44-46.

Wings Travel regrouped at the start of the second half behind the trio of Guiang, Diaz, and Santos. Diaz hit two triples and scored eight points, while Guiang and Santos combined for 13 markers to increase Cabalen's lead to as much as 20 points, 74-54.

Three other Cabalen players made it to the scoreboard in the third quarter, which ended with VisMinda enjoying a 76-68 advantage.

VisMinda found momentum in the closing minutes of the second quarter only to lose it in the third, as the team had limited options on offense. VisMinda had only Melvin Villarin scoring more than two field goals in the third. Villarin had six markers, while Elmer Pineda, Danny Bicera, and Jun Abedes nailed only two points each.

VisMinda then tried to overhaul the lead in the final quarter behind Alex Ocampo and Abedes, who combined for 21 points in the fourth canto. However, Guiang was there to trade baskets with the two VisMinda gunners and keep Wings Travel in the lead. Guiang had 10 points in the fourth canto, while Guiab added three to help Wings Travel's preserved the win.

Meanwhile, the second game between MDX-Chow Queen and Samahang Ilonggo sa Saipan-Marianas Wireless was forfeited in favor of the former after a no-show from the latter.

The win gave MDX a sweep of the regular season in the open division, while the loss dropped SIS to a 2-4 record.

Cabalen-Wings Travel 89 – Guiang 23, Diaz 22, Guiab 18, Santos 14, Olivos 4, Fernandez 4, Berline 2, Erediano 2.

VisMinda-Kids Cove 86 – Ocampo 19, Abedes 18, Villarin 11, Alipio 8, Jinang 7, Pineda 7, Bicera 4, Dizon 3, Rangamar 3, Manalili 2, Cosino 2, Abuy 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-19, 46-44, 76-58, 89-86.

MANNY

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king announced his decision yesterday after his first workout with celebrated trainer Freddie Roach at the Johnny Elorde Gym in Quezon City.

Pacquiao, who is dividing his time training and serving as congressman, said he would drive up to Baguio with his team after attending a session tomorrow.

After going seven rounds on the punch mitts without a break, Roach said Pacquiao performed "pretty good," although he noted that his prized ward was "pushing his punches a little bit," which was to be expected from the long layoff.

"He has the game plan already in mind," said Roach. "He knows the angles we have to use on this guy (Antonio Margarito) and stay away from the right hand and get away from his power."

Pacquiao said he felt the workout was okay, adding that he was pleased with the size and quality of his sparring partners because "my opponent is big."

Margarito has a 5-inch height edge and a 6-inch reach advantage over Pacquiao, who is gunning to become the first fighter to win titles in eight different weight divisions.

Roach said he and Pacquiao "went over the game plan" after watching the fight tapes.

"We came up with a conclusion we are going to move, and if the move is adequate, we'll go with it. But if not, we'll make an adjustment, make it a little smoother," the multiawarded trainer said.

Roach arrived Sunday with light middleweight Michael Medina and undefeated welterweight Glen Tapia, two power-punching and aggressive youngsters who worked before Pacquiao arrived at the gym. They watched every move of the "Fighter of the Decade."

Tapia and Medina were both impressed with Pacquiao's speed and power, with Medina admitting he'd have to improve on his defense before they start sparring next week.

Roach said he is also bringing in undefeated Vanes Martirosyan, who is scheduled to fight Miguel Cotto on Dec. 4 and Julio Cesar Chavez Jr.

Roach was confident they would have "a great camp where the guys will work together and help each other out. We are going to have a great, great November."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	91	59	.607	_
Tampa Bay	89	60	.597	1 1/2
Boston	83	67	.553	8
Toronto	75	74	.503	15 1/2
Baltimore	60	90	.400	31

Central Division

Minnesota	90	60	.600	_
Chicago	79	71	.527	11
Detroit	76	74	.507	14
Cleveland	62	88	.413	28
Kansas City	61	88	.409	28 1/2

West Division

Texas	83	66	.557	_
Oakland	75	74	.503	8
Los Angeles	74	76	.493	9 1/2
Seattle	57	92	.383	26

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	90	61	.596	_
Atlanta	86	65	.570	4
Florida	74	75	.497	15
New York	74	76	.493	15 1/2
Washington	62	88	.413	27 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	85	66	.563	_
St. Louis	77	72	.517	7
Houston	73	77	.487	11 1/2
Milwaukee	69	80	.463	15
Chicago	68	81	.456	16
Pittsburgh	51	98	.342	33

West Division

San Francisco	84	66	.560	_
San Diego	83	66	.557	1/2
Colorado	82	67	.550	1 1/2
Los Angeles	73	77	.487	11
Arizona	59	91	.393	25

Yesterday's Games

Florida 4, St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1
Houston 8, Washington 2
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 2
Detroit 7, Kansas City 5
N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 6
Baltimore 4, Boston 2
Minnesota 9, Cleveland 3
Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 7, Texas 4

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	29	20
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	37	24
New England	1	1	0	.500	52	52
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	17	49

South

Houston	2	0	0	1.000	64	51
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	37	55
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	49	32
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	62	48

North

Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	34	20
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	39	48
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	20	24
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	28	33

West

Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	37	28
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	52	34
Denver	1	1	0	.500	48	38
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	29	52

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Washington	1	1	0	.500	40	37
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	45	56
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	55	59
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	27	40

South

Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	37	21
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	39	31
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	50	22
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	25	51

North

Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	46	34
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	61	27
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	46	54
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	19	28

West

Seattle	1	1	0	.500	45	37
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	24	54
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	28	56
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	27	33

Monday's Games

Chicago 27, Dallas 20
Atlanta 41, Arizona 7
Green Bay 34, Buffalo 7
Philadelphia 35, Detroit 32
Pittsburgh 19, Tennessee 11
Cincinnati 15, Baltimore 10
Kansas City 16, Cleveland 14
Tampa Bay 20, Carolina 7
Miami 14, Minnesota 10
Denver 31, Seattle 14
Oakland 16, St. Louis 14
Houston 30, Washington 27, OT
San Diego 38, Jacksonville 13
N.Y. Jets 28, New England 14
Indianapolis 38, N.Y. Giants 14

Yesterday's Game

New Orleans 25, San Francisco 22

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marianas Coffee Trail Run goes 30K

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Former *Saipan Tribune* sports reporter Brad Ruszala navigates the Marianas Coffee Co. plantation on Mt. Tapochau in the January 2010 Marianas Coffee Trail Run. Majestic views await runners of the Oct. 2 Marianas Coffee Trail Run, an annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority which will now be held in the latter part of the year.

Pour yourself an extra cup!

The Marianas Coffee Trail Run scheduled for Oct. 2 has been upgraded to a 30-kilometer event.

The Marianas Visitors Authority and major sponsor Marianas Coffee Co. have extended the annual event to help elevate the trail run to an international level.

"The Marianas Coffee Trail Run is geared at attracting international runners, and we want to respond to feedback that a standard 30-kilometer run would be even more attractive," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "But one thing that won't change is the unbeatable views along the new course."

The run will feature 3-km and 10-km trail runs on challenging terrain offering scenic views of the tropical island. Beginning along the shore at American Memorial Park, the race heads to the highest point of the island on Mt. Tapochau before returning to the park. The course takes runners though wild coffee plantations planted in the Japanese-colonial era, and well as the young coffee groves of Marianas Coffee Co.

The run, formerly staged in January each year, will now be held in the latter part of the year. The later date is intended to draw more visitors to the island during a relatively low-travel period.

Registration made by Oct. 1 is $30. Registration on event day is $40. All participants will receive a finisher's T-shirt, certificate of participation, and free entry to the awards banquet. The banquet will be held at Micro Beach at 11:30am on race day.

Awards, including Marianas Coffee giveaways, will be given to the first, second, and third place finishers in the male and female divisions. Medals will also be given to winners of the age divisions. The age divisions are 18 years and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 years and up. Walkers for the 10-lm are also welcome.

The event is also sponsored by KFC Triathlon Japan and TEAM PDI.

Registration forms are now available at the MVA office in Oleai. For more information, contact Ed Diaz of the MVA at ediaz@mymarianas.com or 664-3210. ***(PR)***

Watanabe tops USSP 8-ball

Taylor Watanabe swept through the competition Sunday to tie down a spot in the Oct. 10 USS Peleliu Club's Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Final.

There is no entry fee for the qualifying tournaments, held on Thursdays and Sundays to fill the 16-player bracket for the Oct. 10 Columbus Day final and its $100 first prize. The winner gets a trophy from Pacific Amusement and a guaranteed spot in the final.

Watanabe moved to the top of the winner's bracket by handing John Mongami, Thursday winner Ron Chisato and last week's winner Simeon Kapileo their first loss.

Kapileo had sent Annie Tesiro to the loser's bracket after she had done the same to Nizer Masayos. Chisato had topped Leonard Sablan.

Sablan came back with wins over Mongami and Tesiro. Then he ran into Patrick Cepeda.

Cepeda arrived at the end of the first round. Instead of sitting the night out, he asked to take a forfeit and begin in the loser's bracket. He then chewed up Masayos, Chisato, Sablan and Kapileo on his way to the final.

With the balls in a difficult layout, Watanabe and Cepeda fenced for awhile. Watanabe missed a bank on the 8-ball, but Cepeda then missed his cut shot, leaving an easy tap-in for Watanabe to take game and match.

The Oct. 10 field will include qualifying tournament champions, joined by players who earn the most points for second, third, and fourth place finishes. The 16 finalists will also be "seeded" for their first game, with the points leaders starting off against opponents with the least points.

Chisato still tops the points standings with seven, with Kapileo also at seven after his third place finish. Watanabe has six, Tesiro and Sablan four, Cepeda three, and Tom Basa one point.

Sign-up begins at 7:30pm on Sundays and Thursdays. There is no charge.

Opponents are chosen by blind draw for the double elimination tournament. Play follows Billiard Congress of America rules.

The Oct. 10 winner will win $100, with $50 for the runner-up. Pacific Amusement awards trophies for first, second, and third place.

For more information, call Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. ***(USSP)***

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Taylor Watanabe, right, poses with runner-up Patrick Cepeda after winning USS Peleliu Club's Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Final last Sunday.

Chagi Fan still leads Kingfisher Division

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The still smiling VFW One Shot crew is clinging to first place in the SEDA C-Chichiricka division standings even after suffering a 7-8 loss last Wednesday at home to the second-seated Kagman 1 from Buddies Bar & Grill.

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REPORTER

Buddies Bar & Grill's Chagi Fan edged out D-Pirates Bar & Grill's Lucky Shots, 8-7, on the road Wednesday night to remain in the lead in the Kingfisher Division of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association

Visiting Chagi Fan's Jesse Borja struck first and took the first Singles 301 Double In/Double Out; he went on to win all six of his matches in the roller coaster matchup. The game between Chagi Fan and Lucky Shots literally went back and forth all the way to the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out match where Borja along with teammates Ken Villagomez, Augustine Hocog, and Elton Santos held strong to survive on the road.

Other Kingfisher Division matches last week saw Charlie's Team Sabalu beat USS Peleliu Club's Slow Hand, 9-6; and Buddies' Black Pearls beat Sang and the Gang, 9-6.

The win against Lucky Shots upped Chagi Fan's win-loss record to 70-35, followed by Charlie's Team Sabalu (59-46) and Buddies' Black Pearls (54-51).

Notables in the division last Wednesday include a High-In of 120 by USSP Slow Hand's Polly Omechelang and a High-Out of 153 by Sabalu's Ray Anthony Augon.

One Shot loses but hangs on to lead

Over in the Chichiricka Division, VFW Post 3457's One Shot remained in pole position despite falling at home to Buddies' Kagman 1, 8-7.

One Shot and Kagman 1 split a pair of Singles 301 Double In Double Out matches but the latter took the early lead after sweeping both games Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket. After both teams won a game of Partners 501 Double In/Double Out, Kagman 1 took command by sweeping all four Singles Regular Cricket matches. Kagman 1 sealed the deal after both teams won a game of Partners Baseball and One Shot took the Final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out match.

The loss dropped One Shot to a 64-41 win-loss record but it was still good enough to remain in the lead of the division. Kagman 1 is still hanging on the coattails of One Shot at 60-45, followed by Oh! MG (54-51) and the Night Hawks (53-52). Notables for the week include a High-In of 105 by World V's Paul Cha.

Other matches in the division saw Gaiana-C beat World-V, 8-7; and Night Hawks a 10-5 victor against Oh! MG.

Black Stallions tame Angry Dragons

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The TDO Black Stallions tamed VFW Post 3457's Angry Dragons at home in Buddies Bar & Grill Wednesday night to remain in control of Saipan Electronic Dart Association's Masters Division.

Jun Olita, Jun Lapeciros, and Noel Montalbo won three of the four Singles Regular Cricket matches to stake Black Stallions to the early lead.

After both teams took a Partners 501 Double/Double Out game, Olita, Lapeciros, and Joy Silva won three of the four Singles Sniper matches. Then both teams won a game of Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket before the Angry Dragons took three out of four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out matches; however Robert Valdez's win gave Black Stallion's the automatic victory. The Angry Dragons took the final Team 1001 Cherry Double In/Double Out match.

The win improved Black Stallions to an 84-35 win-loss standings, followed by Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Erap Snipers (79-40), D'Pirates Bar & Grill's M-Destroyers (59-60), and Angry Dragons (57-62).

Other results last week in the division saw M-Destroyers unload a counter strike over Buddies' Bullshooters at home, 12-5; Buddies' Red Horse make light work of Johnny's Just 4 Fun at home, 12-5; and Erap Snipers beat D'Pirates Bar & Grill's D'Companeros, 12-5, on the road.

Notables of the week include a 160 High-In by the M-Destroyer's Leo Lindo and a 151 High-Out by current top seed Jun Olita of Black Stallions. Olita is ranked first on the individual stat board out of a range of 11 to 14 games with a weighted average of 69.40. Pam Ybanez (68.09), Willy Cuesta (65.19), Jun Lapeciros (63.44), Jayson John (63.41), Noel Saluta (61.12), Romano Quindoza (60.72), Joy Silva (60.66), and Junnie Gueavarra (60.53) round out the rest of the Top 9.

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Sports

CNMI tracksters to be tested in Cairns

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Five young CNMI athletes will be tested against the regions' best when they compete in the 2010 Oceania U20 Area Championships in Australia starting tomorrow at Barlow Park in Cairns.

The Commonwealth's Lia Rangamar, Reylyn Sapong, Douglas Dillay, Ryan Ichihara, and Brandon Philip left Saipan last Sunday and arrived in Cairns last Monday, joining a small contingent from Micronesia.

The CNMI athletes and other bets from the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, and Palau will be battling representatives of powerhouse teams New Zealand and Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Solomon, Norfolk, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Nauru, Tahiti, and Tonga.

"This event allows our young athletes to get exposure and gain the experiences needed at a higher level of athletics compe-

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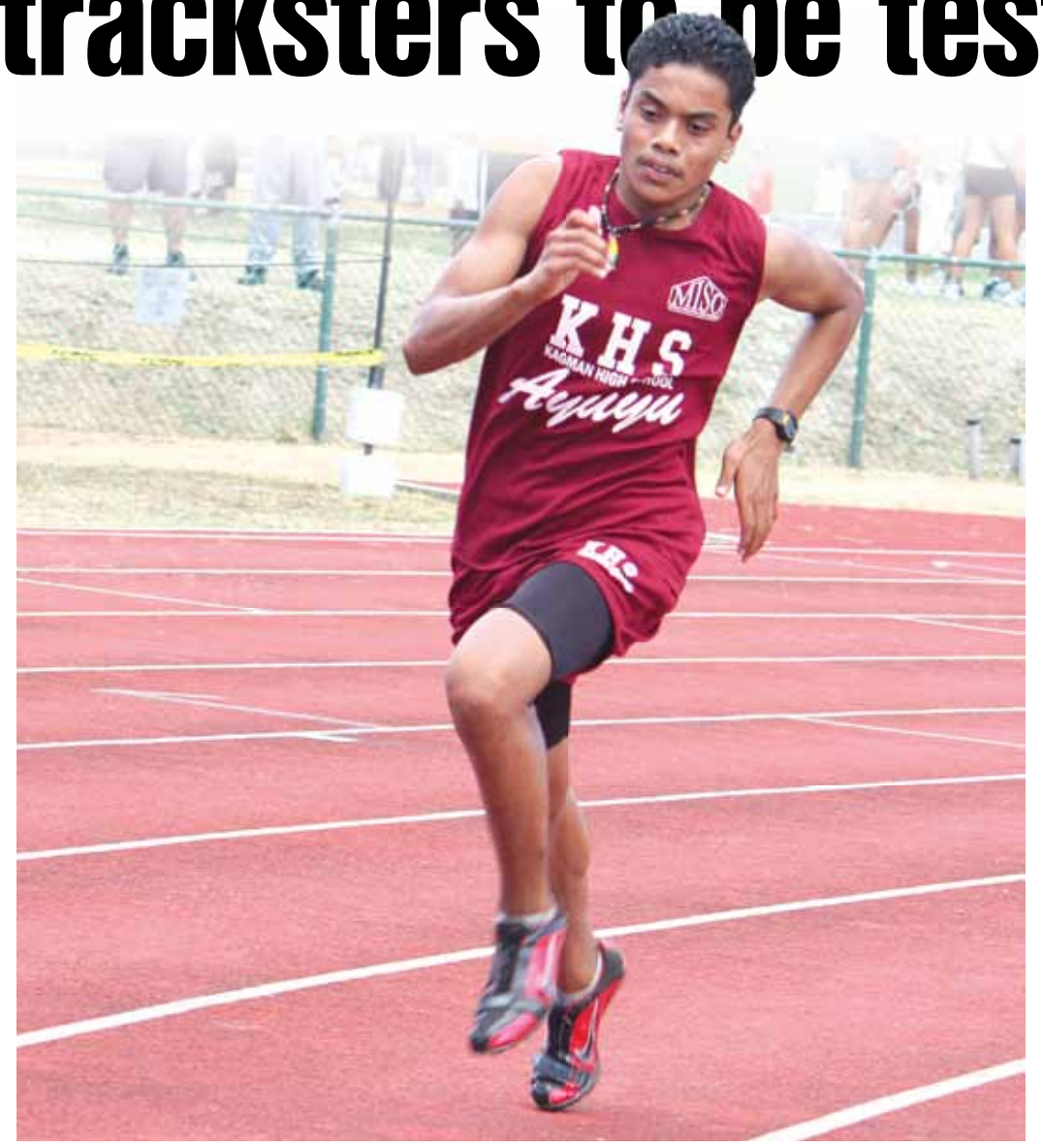

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Douglay Dillay, seen here doing a relay race in a local tournament, is in Cairns, Australia along with four teammates to compete in the 2010 Oceania U20 Area Championship.

Cabalen-Wings Travel hand VisMinda 1st loss

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Cabalen-Wings Travel snapped VisMinda-Kids Cove's winning run in the masters division of the 2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League, pulling off an 89-86 victory in their make-up game last Saturday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

VisMinda was undefeated in three games entering the resumption of the rained-out match and repeatedly attempted to keep its record clean, but fell short in the end.

Robert Guiang, Tony Diaz, Junar Guiab, and Edwin Santos helped Wings Travel thwart Kids Cove's repeated comeback bids to improve the team's record to 3-1. Wings Travel now ties VisMinda for the lead in the five-team mas-

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Tony Diaz, seen here in a file photo, scored 22 points for Cabalen-Wings Travel, which edged VisMinda-Kids Cove in their make-up game, 89-86, in the masters division of the UFO caging last Saturday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Manny amazes Freddie

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Manny Pacquiao shows off his moves during a sparring session with trainer Freddie Roach at the Johnny Elorde Gym in Quezon City, Philippines.

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BOXING

MANILA, Philippines— Manny Pacquiao will start serious training on Thursday in Baguio City for his Nov. 13 showdown with Antonio Margarito for the vacant WBC super welterweight title at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

The world's pound-for-pound

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2010 SIS 5K Fun Run set for this Saturday

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The Saipan International School will be holding its 10th Annual 5K Fun Run this Saturday at the Banzai Cliff.

The race will start at 7am, while registration will begin at 6am. Registration fee is only $10 and each participant will be eligible to join raffle draws. The first 100 to register will get a free T-shirt.

The course will begin from Banzai Cliff and then runners will head to Cowtown Raceway Park before heading back to the starting line.

This year's defending champion is Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, who completed last year's race in 19 minutes and 41 seconds for his back-to-back wins in the annual event. In 2008, Kabiriel timed in at 19:16. His best time in the fun run was 18:28 in 2006 before Eli Torgeson shattered it in 2007 with a time of 16:40.

Mike Brown was runner-up to Kabiriel last year after recording 19:51, while Keum Bae

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Participants in the 9th Annual Saipan International School 5K Fun Run leave the starting line at Banzai Cliff.